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# Friendly fire cited in US deaths

Report: 5 special operations troops killed by apparent airstrike in Afghanistan

By HEATH DRUZIN  
*Stars and Stripes*

KABUL — Five American troops were killed in a possible friendly fire incident in southern Afghanistan on Monday in what was the deadliest day for the international military coalition there in six months.

A Pentagon statement said the troops died during a security operation in southern Afghanistan. "Investigators are looking into the likelihood that friendly fire was the cause," it said.

Zabul police chief Ghulam Sakhi Roghlewani said the Americans were killed after

being ambushed by insurgents in Zabul province. Roghlewani said an Afghan soldier also died after coalition troops called in air support and an aircraft mistakenly struck their position. An official with Afghanistan's intelligence agency, the National Directorate of Security, confirmed the details of the at-

tack but said that two Afghan soldiers had been killed.

An International Security Assistance Force statement confirmed "the possibility that fratricide may have been involved" in the incident in Zabul province, adding that it was under investigation.

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MCT

# Mosul overrun

Militants tighten grasp on Iraq with seizure of 2nd-largest city

By GLEN CAREY  
AND ALAA SHAHINE  
*Bloomberg News*

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia—Militant fighters of the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant seized Mosul on Tuesday after battling government forces for control of the northern Iraqi city, extending their reach over the country as central authority crumbles.

The group also captured the airport

in Mosul as the Iraqi army pulled out of its positions inside the city, Dubai-based Al-Arabiya television station said Tuesday, citing the Nineveh governor Athil al-Nujaifi. Images on Al-Jazeera satellite television showed cars burning in the city and citizens fleeing the fighting. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki called for parliament to declare a state of emergency.

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[The Islamic State of Iraq and Levant] see [Prime Minister Nouri] al-Maliki on the verge of failure, and this is their opportunity to make substantial gains.

— Theodore Karasik, Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis

Iraqi soldiers take position during clashes with militants in Mosul, Iraq, on Monday in an image taken from video.

COURTESY OF THE IRAQI MILITARY/AP

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think Ray has been happy for only three years in his life. And those were the three years before I was born."

— The Kinks' Dave Davies, on his bandmate (and older brother), Ray

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## MILITARY

# House panel votes to retire A-10

By Travis J. Tritten  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The House Appropriations Committee voted Tuesday to retire the popular A-10 Warthog, defying earlier votes in the House and Senate and pleas from infantry troops to save the close-support aircraft.

The committee, which holds the federal purse strings, overwhelmingly rejected a measure in the House's proposed defense budget for 2015 that would have preserved the A-10 from Air Force spending cuts.

The Air Force is under pressure to cut spending due to mandatory budget cuts and had proposed to save about \$7 billion by retiring 283 Warthogs. But the aircraft has supporters in the Army and Marines, where it has saved lives during combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Armed services committees in both chambers of Congress voted to keep the Warthog last month.

"Yes, there are Marines and corpsmen alive today because of it," said Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., chairman of the Appropriations defense subcommittee. "But there are also troops that owe their lives to 80 percent of other close area support missions."

Funding the Warthog program would suck funding from operations and maintenance at Air Force bases and new, more technologically advanced aircraft procurement programs, Frelinghuysen said.



Michael Abrams/Stars and Stripes

The last A-10 Warthog of the 81st Fighter Squadron takes off from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, last year on its way to the United States. The House Appropriations Committee voted Tuesday to retire the A-10 in a cost-cutting move.

"The venerable Warthog is a weapons system that served well in the past," he said.

The unsuccessful amendment to fund the A-10 was introduced by Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., saying it is cheaper to fly than other close support aircraft such as the F-15 fighter jet and B-1 bomber.

"The Air Force should be saving money ... but going to an aircraft that is one of the least expensive to fly doesn't make any sense," he said.

Rep. Chris Stewart, R-Utah, a former Air Force helicopter pilot, said the A-10 is uniquely qualified

to handle the dangerous close-support missions common in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

"When you have troops who are in contact with an enemy on the ground, it is a very, very precise mission," Stewart said. "If you get out and frag your own troops, you never forgive yourself and not only that, it will end up in the newspaper."

The panel voted on the same day a B-1 Lancer, which flies higher and faster than the A-10, dropped bombs in Zabul province, Afghanistan, killing five special operators.

The Department of Defense

is under intense pressure to cut spending due to the Budget Control Act of 2011, which forces automatic cuts because Congress cannot agree on how to reduce the federal deficit.

The Senate must also pass a defense appropriations bill, which supplies the money for priorities included in the annual National Defense Authorization Act. The two chambers must hold a conference and reconcile what gets funded, so the A-10 may still get another chance at survival.

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## Sergeant major who confronted protester resigns

Stars and Stripes

The Marine Corps sergeant major who accosted a protester and drove away with the man's drill instructor hat has tendered his resignation and voluntarily stepped down from his post as senior enlisted adviser at Parris Island recruit depot in South Carolina, the Marine Corps Times reported Tuesday.

Sgt. Maj. Paul Archie's decision came less than week after the altercation, a video of which circulated widely on social media.

The Times reported that Marine Corps officials released this statement: "Understanding the Marine Corps has very high standards of personal and professional conduct for its most senior leaders, Sgt. Maj. Archie voluntarily stepped down as the depot sergeant major, and the commanding general regrettably accepted his retirement."

On Thursday, Archie stopped his vehicle in front of a protest near the gates, got out and was involved in a verbal altercation with

a protester, Ethan Arguello, a former Marine drill instructor.

The group was protesting the release last month of Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who was exchanged for five Taliban prisoners in a swap negotiated by the U.S. government.

The official police statement, according to the Marine Corps Times, has more detail: "During argument, Archie's head struck the campaign cover knocking it off the head of the protester. Archie took the campaign cover and

proceeded onto MCRD Parris Island."

Police later recovered the campaign cover.

Archie turned himself in to the local Port Royal Police Department on Friday on charges of third-degree assault and battery. He spent bond and was released on his own recognizance from the Beaufort County Detention Center.

Archie is due next week to appear in court, police told the Marine Corps Times.

# HEROES

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## VA SCANDAL

## IG: Prosecutors weighing criminal charges

## Bosses who ordered appointment wait-time manipulation probed

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The inspector general of the Department of Veterans Affairs said Monday that potential criminal cases related to the department's nationwide patient wait-list scandal are being reviewed by federal prosecutors.

The IG is investigating 69 VA facilities for criminal, civil and administrative wrongdoing after revealing late last month that scheduling abuses implemented to mask long wait times for health care are systemic within the veteran health care system. Acting Inspector General Richard Griffin said during a hearing before House lawmakers.

Earlier in the day, the scope of the crisis became more apparent when the VA released its own audit showing more than 57,000 veterans have been waiting more than three months for care appointments. The audit blamed a lack of providers and an "overly complicated" scheduling process for the breakdown in timely care at 731 hospitals and clinics nationwide.

"I think it comes down to accountability of senior leadership used in these facilities," Griffin said before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. "Once somebody loses their job or is criminally charged, that will be the shot heard around the system."

The IG has discovered that in many cases, staff would game the system by giving veterans the first available appointment date — up to six months in the future — despite their requests for an earlier visit and then mark the appointment as the desired date, which would then appear in the VA computer system as no wait, Griffin said.

Staff also would schedule patients for visits months into the future, then cancel the appointment two weeks before and reschedule for the same date so it appeared to fall within the VA's goal of 14-day wait times, he said.

The IG and Department of Justice are discussing whether such practices rise to the level of criminal activity, Griffin said.

"You have to work your way back up the supervisory chain to find out who put out that order, and that's what we are having to do," he said. "Maybe if people do start getting charged, maybe somebody will say, 'I don't want to take the fall for somebody farther up the food chain who told me to do this.'"

The VA audit released Monday showed that about 70 percent of the 731 VA facilities reviewed used off-the-books patient waiting lists at least once, and man-

agement pressured staff in some cases to manipulate appointments to make waits appear shorter, the audit confirmed.

The VA rushed out the audit under pressure from Congress and veteran groups. The findings provide the first detailed look — at least from the department's own perspective — at patient wait times at individual facilities since allegations in April that up to 40 patients died awaiting care at a Phoenix VA hospital.

Philip Matkovsky, assistant deputy veterans affairs undersecretary for health for administrative operations, apologized to the public and to veterans during testimony Monday night before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and said the audit marked a turning point for the department.

"We saw this as the opportunity, the opportunity for us to do a reset," Matkovsky said.

Last year, the department began requiring that veterans receive care within two weeks of asking for an appointment, and it used the goal to evaluate employee performance. Those who kept

**'Once somebody loses their job or is criminally charged, that will be the shot heard around the system.'**

Richard Griffin

acting VA inspector general

waits within that time frame were given awards and bonuses, the VA inspector general found.

Matkovsky said the VA has now discontinued the scheduling goal and stopped using it as a personnel performance measure.

The audit released Monday found the goal was partly responsible for the deep problems within the department.

"Missing a 14-day wait-time performance target for new appointments was simply not attainable given the ongoing challenge of finding sufficient provider slots to accommodate a growing demand for services," according to the audit.

It found that department leaders failed by expecting staff to meet the appointment goal without understanding the potential effects on hospitals and clinics that serve 6.5 million beneficiaries annually.

"Findings indicate that in some cases, pressures were placed on schedulers to utilize inappropriate practices in order to make waiting times ... appear more favorable," the audit found.

Still, the VA audit claims that the majority of veterans — about



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Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan., left, confronts Department of Veterans Affairs official Philip Matkovsky as the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs holds a hearing Monday to examine why thousands of military veterans have been waiting for up to three months for medical appointments.

90 percent to 99 percent — receive care within 30 days of booking appointments.

Across the board, wait times for new veteran patients greatly exceeded those for established patients, it found.

For example, a VA hospital in Philadelphia now has 426 veterans who have been waiting more than three months for a first visit. Those patients must wait 43 days on average for primary care, while returning patients wait about three days.

The statistics drew some skepticism from House lawmakers, who said the VA statistics have been continually changing, and reports from their districts of veterans waiting for care were sometimes much higher than the numbers shown in the audit.

"If you can't rely on the data ... is the alternative to go in and do a case-by-case analysis?" Rep. Doug Lamborn, R-Colo., said. "How do we get to the bottom of it when the records or the reports are unreliable?"

Matkovsky said the newest VA statistics are more accurate than past reports.

"As we improve the integrity of our reporting," he said, "the patient wait times may get worse."

Wait times are already painfully long, said some of the veterans who gathered at a VFW post near Baltimore on Monday night to relate experiences with the VA health care system to VFW's national leaders. Their stories, along with more accounts gathered at a similar meeting Monday in Kansas City, Mo., will be compiled and submitted to Congress and the White House, VFW officials said.

Steven Klein, 55, a retired Army master sergeant who badly injured his leg in 2005, was told he'd have to wait months for a specialist appointment. Baltimore was identified Monday in the VA's



CHRIS CARROLL/Stars and Stripes

Steven Klein 55, a retired Army master sergeant who hurt his back in 2005, says he was told he'd have to wait months for a specialist appointment at his Baltimore-area VA clinic.

self audit as having among the longest wait times for new patients seeking primary care, although it did not rank among the top 10 worst hospitals for patients in need of specialty care.

"I went down to the VA hospital in Baltimore, and they told me they couldn't fit me in for five months," Klein said. "If it hadn't been for my wife's health insurance, I would have been in pain for those five months."

The extra cost of using his wife's insurance was worth it, he said, because he was able to see a doctor within days and quickly have surgery for what turned out to be very herniated spinal discs.

Klein said he's been satisfied with his VA primary care doctors, but when time is of the essence, the system breaks down.

"If I need a specialist, I'll use my wife's insurance," he said. "At the VA in downtown Baltimore, you're gonna wait."

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Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Director Verna Jones speaks during a town hall meeting at American Legion Post 1 in Phoenix on Monday.



## MILITARY

# Navy civilian appeals ruling in fraud case

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY  
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — A Navy civilian accused of forging documents to illegally collect housing benefits here is appealing a ruling that forces his attorney to testify before a grand jury considering additional charges against him.

Steven William Ashton, 41, has asked the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis to overturn last month's decision by a federal court in Davenport, Iowa, requiring attorney Jeffrey B. Lang to testify about documents he received from Ashton and passed along to

investigators.

Prosecutors say those documents, purported to show that Ashton told his supervisors about a business he ran outside of his Navy job, were forgeries. They want a grand jury to charge Ashton for obstructing an investigation, according to court documents.

Ashton already faces federal charges on allegations he accepted \$360,000 in illegal housing allowance after moving into a condominium owned by his Italian girlfriend. Prosecutors charge he forged documents showing the lease had been transferred to his father-in-law's name in 2006.

They also accuse him of forging documents extending his tour on the base and giving him access to other benefits, such as discount mortgage fees in the Bay of Naples, Italy.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service arrested Ashton in February at the Naples base on counts of making false statements, falsifying a record and theft. Ashton was the NATO and Host Nation Program manager for the local Navy command in Naples, a position in which he oversaw the operation and maintenance of NATO facilities and coordinated construction projects with the Ital-

ian military. He was reassigned twice by the Navy after the investigation began in January 2013.

The investigation also looked into BlackGrid Consulting, a side business created by Ashton and a friend in the Air Force, referred to in documents as "CK." A website for the business touts its relationships within business and government.

In April and May 2013, Lang forwarded documents to Justice Department attorney Catherine Votaw, including a memo written by Ashton to a staff judge advocate about the business and an applica-

tion for Off-Duty Employment that was ostensibly approved by Ashton's supervisor.

Both documents were faked, the government says. The military attorney was serving in Afghanistan at the time and had never spoken to Ashton, authorities say, and the approved application bore the forged signature of Ashton's boss. Ashton has claimed in court filings that federal prosecutors threatened to pursue the additional charges after he declined to plead guilty to one of the original counts.

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## Hainerberg principal is reassigned

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Penelope Miller-Smith, the principal of Hainerberg Elementary School in Wiesbaden, has been temporarily reassigned to the Kaiserslautern district office for the remainder of the school year, school officials announced Monday.

Miller-Smith was reassigned effective June 3, said Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe spokesman Bob Puritman. The last day of school for DODDS-Europe students is Thursday.

Puritman said Miller-Smith's reassignment was part of a "supervisory inquiry" into the current school management.

"Some issues were brought to the attention of Dell McMullen, the Kaiserslautern district superintendent, he said. "She's looking into them."

In a letter dated Monday to the parents of Hainerberg school stu-



Eric Brown/Stars and Stripes

**An acting principal will step in at Hainerberg Elementary School in Wiesbaden, Germany, until the end of the school year.**

dents, McMullen apologized for any inconveniences caused by the principal's reassignment so late in the school year.

"I would not have made this decision unless I believed it was absolutely necessary," she wrote, without elaborating on the reasons for the move.

Jeff Pond, the assistant principal of Wiesbaden Middle School, is

stepping in as the acting principal at Hainerberg for the remainder of the school year, Puritman said.

Miller-Smith was in her fourth year as principal of Hainerberg. She has a variety of teaching experience in elementary education, special education and gifted and talented students, according to her online DODDS-Europe biography. Her full biography is available at: [tinyurl.com/07ay8v](http://tinyurl.com/07ay8v)

## VA approval of sexual trauma claims uneven

By WYATT OLSON  
Stars and Stripes

Despite an overall improvement in how the Department of Veterans Affairs handles disability claims involving military sexual trauma, or MST, decisions to deny or approve such cases remain uneven across the agency's health care system, according to a government watchdog report released Monday. National approval rates for claims based on MST have significantly increased during the past four years, the report by the Government Accountability Office said.

The GAO found wide variations, however, in approval rates among regional offices, ranging from 14 percent to 88 percent for fiscal 2013. Half the offices had approval rates near the average, between 40 percent and 60 percent. Veterans filed more than 29,000 claims for disabilities related to MST in fiscal 2008 through 2013, the GAO report said.

The VA has been rocked recently by revelations of veterans facing extraordinarily long waiting times for appointments, even as officials and staff in the system tried to cover up the delays, found by an inspector general's report to have been caused in part by bonuses tied to performance. VA Secretary Eric Shinseki was ousted in the wake of the scandal, and Congress has introduced legislation intended to mitigate wait times.

The GAO report on sexual trauma noted that variation in approval rates "does not necessarily signify inconsistency." But investigators found some VA officials described ongoing difficulty in applying uniform standards, with "several instances of widely varying interpretations."

"Some VA medical examiners GAO spoke with required more evidence than others to establish that an MST incident occurred," the report said. "[Veterans Benefits Administration and Veterans Health Administration] staff in almost every office GAO contacted said that further training would be useful, feedback that is consistent with good practices previously

identified by GAO and others for reinforcing training."

The GAO interviewed personnel from five of the VBA's 57 regional offices: Nashville, Tenn., Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and Portland, Ore.

Sexual abuse during military service is a problem that's garnered greater attention the past couple of years as more victims have come forward demanding change. The Defense Department estimates that about 26,000 servicemembers experienced unwanted sexual contact during fiscal 2012, a 27 percent increase from 2010. In 2012, one in five women and one in 100 men told VA medical staff they'd experienced MST.

Veterans with service-connected disabilities, including MST, are entitled to disability compensation benefits, according to federal law. But many veterans have had difficulty producing evidence of sexual trauma acceptable to the VA.

The VA revised its handling of MST claims as the result of a court ruling in 2002. The revision allows evidence outside a veteran's service record to be used to corroborate claims of military sexual trauma. That included civilian law enforcement records and rape crises centers, as well as statements from friends and family members. Despite those changes, the VA's own quality assurance reviews found "high error rates" for MST claims in subsequent years, the GAO report said.

The VA began assigning specially trained mediators for MST claims in 2011, and the VHA began providing optional training to medical examiners involved in the cases in 2012.

Last year, the VBA announced a new system for dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder for 2,667 veterans who had been processed before the new training regimen, the GAO report said. Veterans, however, are required to resubmit claims. The GAO recommended that the VBA begin a more systematic collection of data in order to analyze approval rates for specific regional offices.

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## Lawmaker defends Obama's Bergdahl swap

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration finally finalized the exchange of the last remaining U.S. prisoner of war in Afghanistan for five Taliban detainees at Guantanamo a day before the swap, a top Democratic lawmaker said Tuesday. He said American officials didn't learn the pickup location for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl until an hour ahead of time.

Sen. Dick Durbin, of Illinois, the Senate's No. 2-ranked Democrat, presented the timeline as an explanation for why President Barack Obama didn't inform Congress 30 days before the May 31 prisoner trade. Republicans and some Democrats have sharply criticized the president for failing to notify them and contend he broke the law. Obama says he acted legally.

"They knew a day ahead of time the transfer was going to take place," Durbin told reporters in the Capitol, where military officials briefed the Senate Armed Services Committee behind closed doors. "They knew an hour ahead of time where it was going to take place."

Durbin spoke as a House panel overwhelmingly backed a measure barring U.S. funds for the transfer of detainees from the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, amid the congressional outcry over the swap.

On a bipartisan 33-13 vote, the Appropriations Committee added the provision to a \$570 billion defense spending bill that blocks money if the administration fails to notify Congress within 30 days of a transfer from Guantanamo as required by law.

The administration exchanged

Bergdahl, held captive by the Taliban since 2009, for five Taliban officials who had been at Guantanamo for more than a decade. The five were sent to Qatar, where they are to remain for a year.

Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., described the agreement as a "violation of trust" by the Obama administration that cannot be overlooked.

The measure also bars 85 percent of the money in the account for overseas conflicts until Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel reassures Congress that no funds will be spent to violate current law requiring congressional notification.

In the week since the deal, lawmakers have raised questions about whether Bergdahl was a deserter and whether the United States gave up too much for his freedom.



## PACIFIC

# Post allowances in S. Korea hinge on new survey results

By ASHLEY ROWLAND  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The State Department is conducting a new survey that will be used to determine post allowance rates in South Korea following the sudden elimination of the benefit last month based on the results of a previous survey that excluded civilians.

The new Living Pattern Questionnaire is being conducted through June 30, and will include all U.S. government civilian employees, according to U.S. Forces Korea.

A statement posted on the USFK website encouraged all U.S. civilians living in Korea to take part in the survey, saying that "maximum participation is needed for the results of the [survey] to be considered valid."

Post allowance rate was unexpectedly eliminated on May 4 after holding steady at 15 percent to 20 percent of disposable income for most of the year.

USFK's commander, Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, wrote in a May 16 letter to employees announcing the change that he was making it a priority to address the drop, adding that, "I am very concerned about the effect this will have on you and your families."

The U.S. government announced just weeks later that the post allowance would be restored for Korea-based workers to its pre-May level of 20 percent of disposable income, effective June 1. The change was retroactively applied to the pay periods ending May 17 and 31.

Employees can access the Living Pattern Questionnaire at [surveymonkey.com/s/ulpq2014](http://surveymonkey.com/s/ulpq2014)

The military and the government have released little information about why the post allowance was cut — and whether the drop was made in error — and then swiftly reinstated, with the State Department saying on its website only that the change was based on an "administrative increase."

However, a May 24 email from the Army provided by a DOD civilian to Stars and Stripes said the decrease was based on the results of a Retail Price Survey conducted in Seoul.

"The primary reason for the reduction, according to the [State Department], was based on the relatively low price of goods reported for the commissary on post and the results of a Living Pattern Questionnaire that indicated most employees conduct their shopping on post rather than off post," the email said.

The post allowance cut caused frustration and anger among civilian employees, many of whom would have seen a drop of thousands of dollars annually in their paychecks had the cut remained in place.

Post allowance is given to U.S. civilian employees stationed overseas in a location where the cost of living is substantially higher than in Washington, allowing foreign-based employees to spend the same portion of their basic compensation for living expenses without seeing a reduction in their living standards.

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## USS Kidd replenishment at sea

An SA-330 Puma helicopter assigned to the USNS Cesar Chavez lands Tuesday on the flight deck of the USS Kidd during a replenishment at sea. Kidd is currently on patrol with the George Washington Carrier Strike Group in support of regional security and stability in the Indo-Asia Pacific region.

## US, Japan engage in anti-nuclear talks amid Japan's defense debate

By ERIK SLAVIN  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The United States is holding three-day talks with Japanese officials on nuclear deterrence in the midst of a Japanese public debate over how far Japan should go to defend the U.S. from ballistic missiles.

Participants in the Extended Deterrence Dialogue will discuss nuclear security in the Asia-Pacific region and four nuclear-related sites at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., through Thursday, according to a State Department statement.

The annual dialogue began in 2010.

Washington has been busy drawing its two closest Asian security allies, Japan and South Korea, into a tighter trilateral arrangement aimed at curtailing North Korea's nuclear threat.

At the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore earlier this month, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel met

with his Japanese and South Korean counterparts on the sidelines of the multinational summit to discuss nuclear security.

The trio issued a joint statement condemning North Korean nuclear tests and ballistic missile launches as "serious threats that undermine not only the peace and stability of the Korean Peninsula but also those of Northeast Asia and around the world."

The three governments are also pursuing a trilateral memorandum of understanding on intelligence sharing, officials said privately in Singapore.

However, the memo is expected to cover only intelligence on North Korea's nuclear program.

Overall relations between South Korea and Japan have soured in recent years because of a dispute over an island territory and the perception that Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government is inadequately sorry for its actions before and during World War II.

Meanwhile, Abe is attempting to push through Japanese legal

reforms that would allow, among other things, the Japan Self-Defense Forces to shoot down North Korean ballistic missiles headed for the United States.

In a June Yomiuri Shimbun poll, 44 percent of respondents favored authorizing Japan to intercept such missiles, while 43 percent opposed it. The remainder were unsure or did not know.

Japan's current interpretation of its pacifist constitution prevents it from undertaking collective self-defense with an ally.

Abe is attempting to reinterpret the constitution through a cabinet resolution. Some think doing so would draw Japan into wars that do not directly threaten the country, while Abe's supporters say it is necessary to maintain its U.S. alliance.

The government's method of avoiding the more arduous constitutional amendment process has also drawn criticism from opposition lawmakers.

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## Yokota-based airmen come up clean in May's mass drug sweep

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Servicemembers at Yokota Air Base passed May's mass drug tests without exception, officials reported.

"There were no positive results

of illegal drug use from tests administered during last month's gate sweep," 374th Airlift Wing spokesman 2nd Lt. Jacob Bailey said in an email Tuesday.

The 273 drug tests were conducted on the night of May 16-17 as hundreds of servicemembers

attempted to return home through Yokota's main Fussa gate after a Friday night on the town.

Some who waited to provide urine samples complained that they didn't get home for several hours.

Bailey said the samples were

tested for a variety of prohibited substances to include marijuana, synthetic marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines and banned supplements.

The message that the base is sending through random drug testing and sweeps is clear and

consistent, Bailey said.

"We will not tolerate the use of prohibited substances by our servicemembers; and we will prosecute offenders to the fullest extent of the Uniform Code of Military Justice," he said.

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## HEROES

# ‘There was an eerie silence’

By ASHLEY ROWLAND  
Stars and Stripes

When Capt. Dave Hibner pulled into Baghdad International Airport in early April 2003, his unit virtually out of ammunition, he saw his brother waiting for him, limping but otherwise unharmed.

Hibner had just completed the second wave of the U.S. invasion of Baghdad. Dan Hibner, his identical twin, Capt. Daniel Hibner, had helped secure a crucial bridge into the city, helping to pave the way for the first U.S. push through Baghdad.

Both would later be awarded Silver Stars for their efforts — Dave for overseeing a covert mine breach of a critical stretch of road, and Daniel for leading a mission to secure an explosives-laden bridge over the Euphrates River.

The reunion was a welcome relief from combat. “I kind of knew what he had been through,” Daniel said of Dave. “I could tell from the traffic I was getting that it was a real fight for them to get through that southwestern portion of Baghdad, and of course not everybody made it.”

The Hibners grew up in Michigan City, Ind., the middle siblings in a family of six children, and joined the Army to pay for college. Both worked in construction, which led them to become engineers.

By the time the Iraq War kicked off, the 30-year-olds were company commanders. The twins led engineering operations during the takeover, at one point in charge of clearing mines from separate sides of Baghdad at nearly the same time.

“It kind of felt good in a way that we were helping each other even though we didn’t realize it,” Dave said.

## Treachorous crossing

In early April, U.S. forces were moving toward Baghdad. As commander of Alpha Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade, Daniel was in charge of Operation Peach — securing a four-lane bridge into Baghdad that would allow infantry forces to cross into the city. He assumed its columns would be stuffed with explosives that the Iraqis would try to detonate before the Americans arrived — or when they were crossing.

“Essentially our mission was to save that bridge,” he said.

When Hibner and his unit arrived at the river, they could see foxholes dotting the opposite shoreline but no Iraqi soldiers. They also saw a detonation cord dangling from the bridge.

“There was an eerie silence,” he said.

The plan was for 15 soldiers to cross the river by boat and neutralize any explosives on the bridge. About 28 more soldiers

would then secure the top of the bridge and prepare the roadway for armored infantry forces.

As soon as Daniel gave the order to launch, the first boat came under fire from a two-story building on the far side of the bridge. He said the next 10 to 20 minutes were the scariest of the entire operation as he watched from the shore as the boat drifted downstream. The eight soldiers inside were unable to steer the watercraft as they returned fire.

“I thought I might lose an entire squad,” he said. “They were easy pickings.”

The second and third boats entered the water and came under fire. By this time, Bradleys — called for when the first boat came under attack — had arrived and opened fire, destroying the building where the enemy fire

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**Capt. Dave Hibner**

as it landed.

As the unit regrouped, they came under heavy fire from every direction, some of it likely aimed at explosives still in the bridge columns. Daniel’s men worked to hold their position long enough for another platoon to secure the bridge and mark its two usable lanes so the armored infantry could cross.

“You could sense that things were going to get bad,” Daniel said. “There were hundreds of Iraqis on the other side, and I had 15 soldiers trying to hold this bridgehead.”

As soon as the first tank crossed, the enemy fire stopped.

“It was the most beautiful sound in the world when those tanks and Bradleys were rumbling and just coming across the bridge,” he said.

The crossing was successful, and Daniel’s force held the area through the next day, allowing other forces to continue the attack toward Baghdad. He was part of a follow-on operation that took over the Baghdad International Airport.

While clearing part of the airport, Daniel was hit in the knee with shrapnel but dismissed the injury as insignificant. He would later undergo surgery in the U.S.

He knew Dave, who he had last seen in Kuwait several weeks earlier, was involved in the invasion, but didn’t know exactly where or how.



**Capt. Daniel Hibner**  
**Capt. Dave Hibner**

Silver Star

April 2003  
Baghdad

“I was never concerned for myself, ever,” he said. “But in the back of my mind, I was always cognizant that he was in danger at certain times.”

## Difficult decision

Dave was with the 2nd Brigade south of Baghdad. On April 6, his unit learned it would be part of a second attack on the city, pushing through from the south. Late that night, commanders were told about a large minefield, about 550 meters deep, on the only route the brigade could take into the city.

The brigade considered ideas for clearing it, including air attacks to blow the minefields out of the way.

Dave decided on a covert breach despite the risk of detection.

“It’s kind of a crazy idea,” he said. “It’s hard to sneak around when you’re in tanks and Bradleys.”

Even though it was after midnight, he spent hours driving to each element, giving operations orders before their 3 a.m. departure. Soon after leaving, the soldiers had to bulldoze through a huge tank berm that the brigade had erected as a barrier against the Iraqis, using precious time.

They crept forward through enemy territory, driving slowly to maintain as much flexibility as they could. They reached the edge of the minefield shortly before 4 a.m. and began clearing the mines by roping the explosives by one by one and pulling them from the minefield.

“We knew we were running out of time fast,” he said.

He ordered his men to clear the rest of the field by picking up the mines by hand. The four soldiers stayed about 75 meters from each other so, in case of detonation, only one person would die.

Making the decision to have his men remove the mines by hand was the hardest part of the mission, Dave said.

“I cared for my soldiers very much, and they’re all incredibly brave soldiers, and I didn’t want to lose any one of them,” he said. Even though he didn’t believe that the mines were armed with anti-handling devices, “it only takes one — those mines are extremely lethal and explosive.”

It was just before 5 a.m., and the sun was coming up, making their position visible. One of the sappers had picked up the last mine and was running away when the Iraqis saw the Americans and began what would be a short-lived attack.

“As soon as they ceased fire, I could literally hear and feel through the ground shaking the



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**Capt. Dave, left, and Dan Hibner, identical twins, take a break following the fall of Baghdad.**

rest of the armored brigade coming up behind us to conduct the attack on Baghdad,” he said. “Literally, it went right down to the last minute before they came.”

The task force, with the rest of the brigade, proceeded into Baghdad. Dave was part of a group that occupied a building on the outskirts of the city zoo, coming under fire so heavy that day and the following night that a critically wounded soldier couldn’t be evacuated by air. Dave was injured when he tried to pull a TV cameraman out of a doorway; both were blown against the other side of the room when a mortar landed in front of the door.

Dave said shrapnel in his left leg that, because it was embedded so deeply, is still there today.

## Fortuitous diversion

What neither brother knew was that while Dave was clearing the minefield south of Baghdad, Daniel was clearing a much larger one on Highway 8 in the western approach to the city. After the 1st Brigade captured the airport, Daniel was part of a mission to secure the lines of communication between the airport and an area in Baghdad that would later be known as the Green Zone — essentially closing the gap between the 1st and 2nd brigades.

As they moved forward, they discovered a minefield 1,200 meters deep that covered the road and stretched onto the median and shoulders. Daniel chose to conduct an in-stride breach, an approach used when encountering an unanticipated enemy obstacle.

A mine-clearing line charge didn’t get rid of the mines, but a D9 Armored Dozer did.

“We ended up basically sniping this minefield to clear it,” Daniel said.

Three mines were hit during the process, but nobody was in-

jured. The soldiers cleared both sides of the highway and blew up the mines, laden with 2,500 to 3,000 pounds of explosives, causing a mushroom-cloud explosion that shook the ground and blew out the windows of nearby buildings.

“That was the first time I saw any Iraqis in Baghdad,” he said. “They came out to see what the heck had happened.”

Daniel’s more obvious approach of breaching a minefield may have helped his brother.

“We were trying to get into the city center and be as undetected as we could, and the 1st Brigade, because they were doing such a big deliberate breach with all the commotion, created a really great diversion from the 2nd Brigade,” Dave said. “In a way, I think it kind of had the Iraqis looking to the Baghdad International Airport for the main attack to come in, when it was actually coming in from the south.”

## Credit shared

Both of the Hibners are now lieutenant colonels, married with large families. Daniel has three children and Dave has four — and stationed in the U.S. Daniel is commander of the 4th Engineer Battalion at Fort Carson, Colo., while Dave is commander of the 249th Engineer Battalion at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Both said they were surprised and humbled to get the medal.

“When I found out I was getting the Silver Star, it was really hard for me to appreciate it at the time because I wasn’t thinking about awards through any of this stuff,” Daniel said.

Dave said their soldiers deserve much of the credit for the success of their missions.

“We both feel like we owe a lot to our units for the awards, if not everything,” he said.

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## HEROES

## ‘No time to dwell’

By JOHN VANDIVER  
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Stars and Stripes

The Marines arrived under the protection of the night, but by daylight the crackle of enemy fire was upon them.

It wouldn't stop for six days.

Going into the mission, 1st Lt. Kenneth Conover III thought his platoon of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, would face resistance. But not everyone agreed.

Their deployment to Sangin in Helmand province had been almost eerily calm since they arrived three months earlier.

"As a matter of fact, I don't think anything had happened," said Staff Sgt. Joshua Brodrick, Conover's platoon sergeant.

"So when we went out there for Qaleh-ye Gaz, it was kind of like one of those, 'Yeah, everything's going to be the exact same as it is here.' It turned out that it wasn't."

The unit was there to clear the village of fighters and gather intelligence for a small group of Navy SEALs who would help build a local fighting force.

Nearly 100 Marines were inserted by helicopter under cover of darkness June 22, 2012. They stayed put until daybreak, as ordered.

By the time the sky brightened, they were surrounded.

"As daylight broke, that's when things went south for us," Conover said. "The enemy in the area was smart, well-trained and it was a well-coordinated attack."

During the fight, 25-year-old Conover repeatedly put himself into the line of fire to lead his men in the unrelenting assault, narrowly escaping bullets and mortars along the way. For his actions, he would receive the Silver Star.

He would not be the only Marine singled out for bravery during that mission. Sgt. Kenneth Rick, now 26, also received a Silver Star; Brodrick, now 29, and Sgt. Nicholas Brandau, now 28, each received a Bronze Star with "V" device for valor.

Of all the firefighters Brodrick saw during and after the mission, "this was probably one of the worst that I experienced," he said.

The unit was hit hard during the fight, losing two Marines in the first two days. In all, there would be 40 significant enemy encounters, including 23 direct-fire engagements and 10 enemy attempts to overrun the unit's position.

### 'You've got to go'

The insurgents came in waves. First, the enemy attacked with several bursts from machine guns, followed by a sustained assault that included 10 rounds of 82 mm mortars from the south, east and west.

"The ground shook as rounds snapped past and impacted near First Lieutenant Conover from every direction but North," his medal citation states. "One mor-

tar impacted just 15 feet from First Lieutenant Conover."

The soft-tilled farm field absorbed the blast. "Though the situation was dire, First Lieutenant Conover remained dauntless," his commendation said.

As rounds zipped past him, Conover held steadfast in his exposed position, "in order to embolden his men, as well as maintain a position which helped his command and control, regardless of the danger." He remained in that position, commanding the fight, until his men were in the safety of their newly established compound.

With a 150-pound ruck on his back, he then made a 25-meter dash to safety.

"First Lieutenant Conover made sure that he was the last individual out of the kill zone and that everyone was secure," the commendation stated. "Miraculously, there were no friendly casualties."

That luck wouldn't hold. About an hour after the platoon consolidated inside the compound, insurgents tossed six grenades over its mud-walled exterior. The platoon's radio operator suffered serious shrapnel wounds to his back.

While Brodrick called for a medical evacuation helicopter to extract the injured Marine, a team pushed out to secure a landing zone. As combat engineer Lance Cpl. Steven Stevens swept the ground for improvised explosive devices, he was struck down by an RPG and a hail of bullets.

Still under attack, Rick, Brandau and another Marine rushed to save Stevens.

Brandau said the fear before charging out was so intense, he nearly vomited. But he had to do something, he said.

"There's not much of an option," Brandau said. "You've got to go."

By the time they got Stevens back to the compound, he was dead.

The next night, after another day of firefighting, Brandau and Rick led a patrol to destroy an enemy machine-gun position they had identified. On the way there, Lance Cpl. Niall Coti-Sears stepped on an IED. He was alive when they got him on the medevac flight, but by the time the bird landed at Camp Bastion, he was dead.

The company first sergeant delivered the news by radio. Inside the patrol base, the Marines were dealing with the loss of two fellow platoon members.

"We had to come together and talk about what happened and make sure everyone was able to accept we lost some of our brothers, but that we couldn't sit back and grieve," Conover said. "We had to build down. There was no time to dwell."

As they sat around the patrol base that night, Conover and his men were determined to push out into the area, patrolling on foot to find what the insurgents were fighting to protect.

The time to grieve would have



1st Lt. Kenneth Conover III

Sgt. Kenneth Rick

Silver Star



Staff Sgt. Joshua Brodrick

Sgt. Nicholas Brandau

Bronze Star with "V"

June 22-27, 2012  
Helmand province, Afghanistan

to come later.

Over the next several days, the fighting was relentless.

"I mean, essentially we were surrounded," Brandau said. "Every time we stepped outside the wire, we were getting shot at."

During the six days in Qaleh-ye Gaz, the platoon cleared a 2-square-kilometer area of enemy fighters with 12 confirmed enemy kills, five confirmed enemy wounded. In addition, the operation resulted in three detainees, including one high-value Taliban leader.

### 'Just a group of guys'

The final hours in Qaleh-ye Gaz would present unexpected challenges.

Conover had crafted a plan to pack up and move out to a landing zone, where they would board choppers to get them back to their main base a few miles north. But as Conover led his men from the compound, they realized helicopters had missed the intended landing zone of dry terrain and landed on a flooded farm field. The Marines, weighted down with heavy rucks, were forced to wade through knee-deep mud.

Three Marines ended up stuck in the bog, which meant one final act of leadership.

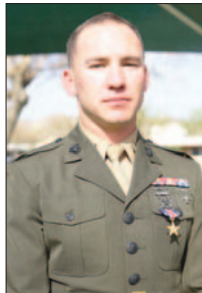
"First Lieutenant Conover knew he had to take bold action," the commendation stated. "He mustered every bit of physical stamina, charge onto the aircraft, dropped his rucksack, and dashed off the aircraft back into the thick mud to assist his Marines."

On three separate occasions, "by the force of sheer willpower, he and his Platoon Sergeant plowed through the muck of the open field to pull their Marines free, grab extra gear, and haul everything onto the aircraft," the

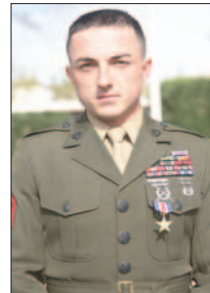


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Nicholas Brandau, former squad leader, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, receives the Bronze Star Medal at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., on Feb. 18.



1st Lt. Kenneth Conover III



Sgt. Kenneth Rick



Staff Sgt. Joshua Brodrick, a platoon sergeant with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, speaks during the Feb. 18 award ceremony. Brodrick was recognized for heroic actions in Afghanistan.

commendation stated. "He personally ensured they all got to the aircraft in time before it had to lift off due to low fuel."

Back at their base, the Marines finally had a chance to grieve. "As we pulled our gear off, we let our emotions out and talked about our brothers we had lost," Conover said. "The two guys who

were killed, you could not think of two better young infantry Marines."

"The platoon as a whole, it was just a group of guys that was willing to sacrifice themselves for everybody else," Brandau said.

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## HEROES

## 'I had to slow down and rethink my path out'

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The seawater was at Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Macatangay's chest when he crawled into the USS Guardian's bilge to brace the split deck plate above.

Directly below him, a chunk of Tubtataha Reef stuck through the ship, working its way deeper into the wood and fiberglass hull.

"You're hearing the wood cracking and the ship was tilting over on its side because of the sea state ... but we had to push the deck plates down again to slow down the water," said Macatangay, of North Hills, Calif., while recalling the events of Jan. 17, 2013 — the final operational day of the Guardian's 23-year history.

Crouched between an air-conditioning unit a few inches above his head and the chill-water piping lining the walls, Macatangay, a damage controlman by trade, had barely enough room to work.

He lined up a steel shoring — a metal support beam meant to reinforce the hull — and spent the next 15 to 20 minutes installing it.

Meanwhile, the water poured in — about five gallons per minute. It soon sloshed up to Macatangay's neck.

"It felt like he was down there for three hours," said Chief Petty Officer Cesar Gomez, of Chicago, who ordered Macatangay, 25, into the bilge after they agreed it was necessary. "I was scared for him ... I didn't want to rush him, but I did emphasize to get it done and get out of there."

The Guardian's worsening state wouldn't allow a quick repair. All of the pipes and machinery were moving independently each time



**Petty Officer 1st Class  
Jeffrey Macatangay**

Navy and Marine Corps Medal  
Jan. 17, 2013

the ship rocked, as did the ship structure, making it even harder to wedge in the shoring.

Macatangay was exhausted. He had pulled a 14-hour watch and been up nearly a full day when the ship ran aground at Tubtataha, a Philippines national park in the Sulu Sea.

However, Macatangay's fear — for his own safety as the water rose, and for his shipmates — proved to be powerful fuel.

If Macatangay hadn't installed the shoring at that moment, the water would have flooded the auxiliary room above, submerging the generators and killing the ship's power.

It would have left Guardian dead in the water in the middle of the night.

"We had already established communications to the outside, but we still hadn't seen any ships around us," Macatangay said.

After he finished with the shoring, Macatangay became disoriented as he waded through the water. He couldn't find the hatch.

"I had to slow down and rethink my path out," Macatangay said.

Macatangay emerged from the bilge unharmed, to Gomez's great relief.

The damage control section aligned the ship's drainage to stave the flooding and continued safeguarding the ship for several



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**The USS Guardian sits aground on Tubtataha Reef in the Philippines on Jan 22, 2013.**

hours before evacuating to the Military Sealift Command's M.V. C Champion in the afternoon.

Eleven days after the grounding, most of Guardian's sailors had returned to Sasebo, Japan. Soon afterward, the investigations began.

The captain, executive officer, officer of the deck and enlisted assistant navigator were relieved of duty.

By the end of March, the Guardian had been decommissioned and fully dismantled.

In June, a Pacific Fleet command investigation found that poor leadership and planning caused the disaster. However, the scathing 160-page report also commended the "heroic actions" of the boat coxswains, its damage control crewmembers and its rescue swimmers.

"In short, their efforts saved

lives," Adm. Cecil Haney wrote in the report's conclusion.

On April 3, Capt. Greg Fenton called Macatangay, now 25, to the front of an all-hands aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

Macatangay knew he had been up for an award, but he figured it was a low-level commendation. Those usually begin with the words, "from the admiral."

The Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the highest noncombat award a sailor can earn, begins differently.

"When the [executive officer] said 'From the president,' I was just shocked," Macatangay said.

"I'm truly humbled and grateful for the award. I'm grateful to all the people who helped me that day, too."

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**Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Macatangay stands pier-side with his current ship, the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.**

## Fire: Incidents have become rare with restrictions on Afghanistan airstrikes

## FROM FRONT PAGE

As the international combat mission in Afghanistan winds down, Afghan security forces have taken over most of the day-to-day fighting in the country, and coalition troop deaths have plummeted. The summer months, however, are traditionally the deadliest, as insurgents stream back into the country from their winter redoubts in Pakistan.

In Washington, two U.S. defense officials told The Associated Press the five Americans were special operations force members, but they were not more specific.

Defense officials told Stars and Stripes that it is believed the troops were killed by bombs dropped by a B-1 Lancer.

Another coalition servicemember died of "nonbattle-related" injuries in a separate incident in eastern Afghanistan.

The last time this many troops died in one day was Dec. 17, when six American soldiers were killed after insurgents brought down their Black Hawk helicopter, according to iCasualties.org, a site that tracks troop casualties in Afghanistan. Incidents of friendly fire have been rare in recent years, as the ISAF has severely restricted its aerial bombing and tightened rules on close air support, partly because of outrage over civilian casualties.

If confirmed that friendly fire caused Monday's incident, it would be the deadliest instance since 2010.

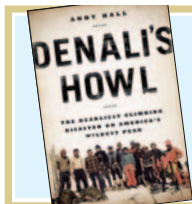
German troops accidentally killed six Afghan soldiers in April 2010 while traveling to the scene of a clash with the Taliban in northern Afghanistan. In 2002, in what is known as the Tarnak Farms incident, four Canadian soldiers were killed and eight others were injured when an American F-16 pilot mistakenly dropped a bomb on a training range near the southern city of Kandahar.

Although friendly fire incidents have been common in all wars, the military says they have declined sharply since the start of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Technological developments since the 1990s have greatly improved the ability of commanders to track friendly forces in

combat and thus avoid identification failures, a leading cause of friendly fire. Still, technological improvements can make friendly fire incidents more lethal than in the past. The very powerful weaponry now commonly used in combat can mean more casualties resulting from any single mistake, as in the case of Tarnak Farms.

Airstrikes have long been a point of contention between the West and Kabul, with Afghan President Hamid Karzai frequently criticizing the ISAF for civilian casualties caused by the attacks and issuing an executive order banning such strikes in populated areas.

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## CIA cites 15 employees for harassment

By KEN DILANIAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fifteen CIA employees were found to have committed sexual, racial or other types of harassment last year, including a supervisor who was removed from the job after engaging in “bullying, hostile behavior,” and an operative who was sent home from an overseas post for inappropriately touching female colleagues, according to an internal CIA document obtained by The Associated Press.

The examples, sent several weeks in an email to the CIA’s workforce by the director of the agency’s Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, were meant to show how the agency is enforcing a zero-tolerance policy toward harassment. The announcement sparked heated commentary in postings on the CIA’s internal networks, officials said, with some employees arguing the agency

**‘Words or actions that harm a colleague and undermine his or her career are more than just unprofessional, painful and wrong — they are illegal and hurt us all.’**

John Brennan  
CIA director

does not sufficiently ferret out and punish misconduct.

The CIA’s personnel systems seem to be fundamentally broken, and harassment frequently goes unreported, one officer said in an excerpt of an employee posting obtained by the AP. The authenticity of the posting was not disputed by the agency.

CIA officials took issue with that assertion after agreeing to discuss the workforce message on the condition that they not be quoted by name.

The agency officials made avail-

able CIA Director John Brennan’s March workforce message reaffirming the zero-tolerance policy, saying, “Words or actions that harm a colleague and undermine his or her career are more than just unprofessional, painful and wrong — they are illegal and hurt us all.” Brennan assured employees that he would not tolerate acts of reprisal against those who complained of harassment.

The agency won’t release its employee workplace surveys or details about complaints on the grounds that such numbers are

classified. The CIA takes that position even though the size of its workforce — 21,459 employees in 2013, not counting thousands of contractors — was disclosed in the “black budget” leaked last year by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden.

The message to employees on harassment, which CIA officials said was the first of its kind, said 15 out of 69 complaints in the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 2013, were found to be true.

In the interest of “transparency,” the message said, officials shared summaries of four examples involving three unidentified CIA employees and a contractor:

■ A supervisor who engaged in bullying, hostile behavior and retaliatory management techniques was removed from the job, given a letter of reprimand and ordered to undergo leadership and harassment training.

■ A male officer who sexually harassed female colleagues at an

overseas post was sent back to the U.S. and given a letter of counseling and mandatory harassment training.

■ An employee who used a racial slur and threatened a contractor was given a letter of reprimand.

In response to the memo, CIA officials said, many employees complained that none of the government employees involved were fired or demoted.

The CIA officials said the idea was to deter the behavior, not punish the offenders.

The officials declined to name the disciplined employees or describe their jobs.

One recent disciplinary action was not included in the examples, officials said. Jonathan Bank, the CIA’s director of Iran operations, was removed from his post at headquarters in March after it was found he created a hostile work environment that caused morale to plummet. He is now assigned to the Pentagon.



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This image from video shows the limousine bus that was carrying Tracy Morgan and six other people lying on its side early Saturday morning on the New Jersey Turnpike.

## NJ crash fuels debate over tired truckers

By JOAN LOWY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A New Jersey highway crash that severely injured Tracy Morgan and killed another comedian is drawing attention to the dangers of tired truckers just as the industry and its allies in Congress are poised to roll back safety rules on drivers’ work schedules.

A proposed change to federal regulations backed by the trucking industry and opposed by safety advocates and the Obama administration would effectively let drivers put in as many as 82 hours a week behind the wheel. The current limit is either 60 hours or 70 hours a week, depending on the kind of company employing the driver.

The change was added to a transportation spending bill by a Senate committee last week.

Nearly 4,000 people die in large

truck crashes each year, and driver fatigue is a leading factor, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The rate of fatal crashes involving large trucks rose from 1.03 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 2009 to 1.29 in 2012.

The trucking industry has been sparring with safety advocates and unions over driver hours for two decades, including several trips to federal court. Safety advocates, while extending their sympathies to Morgan and the family of comedian James “Jimmy Mack” McNair, who was killed in the crash, said they hope that a celebrity’s involvement in the accident will boost their cause.

“This is a major moment, really, to stop the trucking industry,” Joan Claybrook, a former head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, told reporters in a conference call. “It seems no mat-

ter what we do in terms of pushing to get safer trucks on highways, the trucking industry uses its clout to either undo those improvements that we do get or stops any that they’re trying to push.”

Noting that truck safety was suddenly “at the forefront of the national conversation,” Bill Graves, president of the American Trucking Associations, cautioned that “no rule can address what a driver does in his or her off-duty time.”

The industry “strongly believes that drivers must take advantage of their off-duty periods for rest, and that drivers should not drive if they are fatigued,” he said in a statement.

Wal-Mart truck driver Kevin Roper, 35, hadn’t slept for more than 24 hours before he plowed into the back of Morgan’s limo bus about 1 a.m. Saturday, according to local authorities.

## Gunman kills student at Ore. high school

The Associated Press

TROUTDALE, Ore. — A gunman killed a student at a high school east of Portland on Tuesday, and the shooter is also dead, police said.

The Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office said there were reports of shots fired about 8 a.m. at Reynolds High School in Troutdale.

Authorities said they were focusing on reuniting students with

their parents.

Students said they were told over the intercom there was a lockdown and to quietly go to their classrooms. They were evacuated from the school, hands on their heads.

Freshman Daniel DeLong, 15, said while waiting after the shooting that he saw a physical education teacher at the school with a bloodied shirt.

“I’m a little shaken up,” DeLong said. “I’m just worried.”

## Ruling sends immigrants’ kids to the back of the line

By ROBERT BARNES  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that the edictory of immigrant children that they were evacuated from the school, hands on their heads.

The divided court deferred to the Obama administration’s reading of a law passed in 2002 that attempted to bring order to the immigration process, in which there are far more applications than available spots.

The law is so ambiguous — one section “is through and through perplexing,” wrote Justice Elena Kagan — that it is best to leave interpretation to the Board of Immigration Appeals, she said. The federal agency has said that certain classes of applicants lose their favored status as children when they turn 21 — even if the process started years earlier.

Kagan said the decision would

primarily affect nieces, nephews and grandchildren of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents who are trying to reunite their families. The decision does not touch on the recent migration of tens of thousands of children traveling from the school, hands on their heads.

The agency’s interpretation of the law was challenged by Rosalina Cuellar de Osorio, a Salvadoran immigrant who was the principal beneficiary of a petition filed by her mother, a U.S. citizen. Her son, Melvin, 13, was what was called a derivative beneficiary.

The application was approved in 1998, but only a certain number of visas are available each year. Cuellar de Osorio’s did not come until 2005 — four months after Melvin turned 21. The parents immigrated, but government officials said Melvin no longer qualified as an eligible child, and he was placed at the back of the line, resulting in a wait of several more years.



## WORLD

# Mosul: Al-Maliki calls for state of emergency as militants seize important government buildings

## FROM FRONT PAGE

Mosul is the second city that has fallen to the militant group since January, when it seized Palulah in the western province of Anbar from government forces. More than seven years after U.S. forces dealt a major blow to al-Qaida in Iraq by killing its chief, Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, the ISIL is emerging as the most powerful Sunni militant force in the country, exposing al-Maliki's failure to heal the rifts from the country's civil war.

"ISIL is making tremendous progress in Iraq and is expanding their operational space in the country," Theodore Karasik, director of research at the Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis in Dubai, said in a phone interview. "They are taking more land because they see al-Maliki on the verge of failure, and this is their opportunity to make substantial gains."

ISIL leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi vowed in a June 2013 audio statement to erase what he called a Western-imposed border with Syria, where his guerrillas are also fighting, and to "tear apart" the governments in both countries and their regional backers.

Violence has surged in Iraq's northern and western provinces in recent months. The ISIL has battled al-Maliki's Shiite-led government, which is struggling to assert control in the north, and a country following the pullout of U.S. forces in 2011.

In desert areas of western Iraq, especially in Anbar and Nineveh provinces, ISIL has established semi-permanent encampments, providing secure bases for its fighters in Syria, the State Department said in an April report. ISIL fighters are fighting to topple Syrian President Bashar Assad in a civil war that pits mainly Sunni Muslim rebels against the forces of Assad, whose Alawite sect is an offshoot of Shiite Islam.

The ISIL is trying to keep the northern and western regions of Iraq "out of al-Maliki's control," Hameed Fadhel, a professor at Baghdad University, said in a phone interview. The militant group is gaining ground because of "political struggles" within the country, he said.

The militants captured the headquarters of the army's third regiment, the last post of government forces in western Mosul, Monday, killing all the troops inside during a three-day siege, al-Mada news agency reported, citing security officials.

"This terrorist attack won't stop at Nineveh if they are not stopped," Osama al-Nujaifi, a member of Iraq's parliament, said in a televised speech on Al-Arabiya. "It will reach everywhere in Iraq." He called on Iraqis to defend Mosul against these "criminal gangs."

The militants also raided al-Anbar on June 7 and took students hostage before withdrawing. In July, ISIL fighters



A Kurdish policeman stands guard while refugees from Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, head to the self-ruled northern Kurdish region in Irbil, Iraq, 217 miles north of Baghdad, on Tuesday after Islamic militants overran sections of Mosul.

helped orchestrate attacks on two prisons outside Baghdad, using mortars to free more than 500 inmates.

Civilian fatalities in Iraq, including police, totaled 7,818 last year, rivaling the 6,787 killed in 2008, according to data compiled by the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq. An additional 17,981 civilians were wounded

last year, compared with 20,178 in 2008, the U.N. said.

The fighting in Mosul halted repair work on the country's main pipeline exporting crude oil to Turkey, state-run North Oil Co. said in a statement Tuesday. Northern shipments through the Kirkuk-Ceyhan pipeline have been stopped since March 2.

The pipeline, which runs near

Mosul, has been targeted 54 times this year, the company said in May. That month, gunmen killed 15 soldiers from a unit in charge of protecting the line.

Iraq produced 3.3 million barrels of oil a day in May, making it the second-largest producer in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries after Saudi Arabia.

# Hundreds killed in jihadist offensive against Syrian rebels

By RYAN LUCAS

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — An offensive by a breakaway al-Qaida group in eastern Syria against Islamic rebel factions has killed more than 630 people and uprooted at least 130,000 since the end of April, an activist group said Tuesday.

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant's campaign in the oil-rich Deir el-Zour province appears designed to link the large amount of territory under its control in northern Syria with the ground it also holds across the frontier in neighboring Iraq. The group, which is largely composed of foreign jihadists, has made significant headway over the past six weeks, seizing towns and villages in heavy fighting against the al-Qaida-affiliated Nusra Front and other Islamic rebel groups.

The Islamic State has also made major gains in Iraq, where on Tuesday its fighters seized parts of Mosul, the country's second-largest city, scattering security forces and capturing the provincial government headquarters and security bases.

The British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the fighting in Deir el-Zour has killed 634 people since April 30. It said the tally includes 39 civilians, 354 rebel fighters, including many from the Nusra Front, and 241 gunmen from the Islamic State.

The offensive in Deir el-Zour is part of a broader conflict between the Islamic State



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Free Syrian Army fighters run along one of the front lines in the town of Sheikh Najjar in northern Syria on Tuesday.

and Syrian rebels that has raged across opposition-held northern Syria since early January and killed more than 6,000 people.

This war-within-a-war has been a massive drain on resources and manpower on the opposition in Syria, undermining its fight against President Bashar Assad in the wider civil war.

Once spread across much of northern Syria, the Islamic State withdrew many of its far-flung fighters to its stronghold in the northern city of Raqqa earlier this year after other rebel factions, furious with the Islamic State's efforts to impose its hard-line interpretation of Islam, launched an offensive against the group.

The Islamic State has since consolidated

ed its hold on Raqqa and the surrounding province. Then, in the first week of May, its fighters pushed onward to the neighboring province of Deir el-Zour, blasting their way through towns along the Euphrates River and closing in on the provincial capital, the city of Deir el-Zour.

Also Tuesday, the government began releasing people from at least two prisons under a "general amnesty" offered by Assad following his re-election last week.

The attorney general for the countryside of Damascus, Ziad al-Hulaibi, said the first batch of prisoners would be released Tuesday.

A police official in Damascus said an unknown number of prisoners were released Tuesday from the Adra prison northeast of the capital. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief journalists.

Observatory director Rami Abdurrahman confirmed that some people were freed in Adra as well as in Aleppo, but said "we don't know exactly how many have been released up till now."

Syria's state news agency has not said whether the amnesty would apply to the tens of thousands of anti-government activists, protesters, opposition supporters and their relatives that international rights groups say are imprisoned in the country. It does, however, cover foreign fighters, who will not be prosecuted if they surrender, according to SANA.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

## Writer on his own on benefits

At the outset, please let me be clear that this is my personal opinion and not the official opinion of the U.S. Army or the Department of Defense.

I was deeply disappointed to read Tom Slear's June 9 Opinion piece ("I'm an Army veteran, and my benefits are too generous"), wherein he bemoans the "windfall" of which he perceives himself as the beneficiary. While I do not intend to belittle the service, sacrifice and deserved benefits granted to our wounded veterans, I take great umbrage at his implied message that the vast majority of our nation's soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines are suckling at the government teat.

As a career reservist, I have served multiple tours overseas during the global

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war on terror. I have left a wife, first with a 10-month-old first son and then with two young sons, and a thriving small-town law practice, albeit reluctantly, to serve in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom

II as part of "the logistical tail." I logged more than 35,000 miles in an un-armored M998 over the course of 12 months crisscrossing the countryside to answer claims, oversee judicial reconstruction and advise commanders.

Though I never fired my weapon, I experienced small-arms fire, mortar and rocket attacks and improvised explosive devices. I watched as the blood of my comrades was washed from the seats of Humvees and the rear doors of Bradleys. I note that Mr. Slear retired in 2001 and didn't deploy outside of the Beltway during the first Gulf War.

Mr. Slear opines that he receives pension benefits far in excess of his service, I suggest that Mr. Slear give it back.

Lt. Col. John W. Wells II  
Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti

# How NRA, gun makers do business is dangerous

By JOSH SUGARMANN

Working with the NRA, gun manufacturers sell ever more lethal weapons.

Gun companies are selling increasingly lethal products that are the ideal tools to commit mass shootings.

There's a common thread that binds the massacres in Isla Vista and in Newtown, and in many other mass shootings in recent years: Killers used semiautomatic firearms with detachable ammunition magazines.

Elliot Rodger owned pistols made by Glock and Sig Sauer. Adam Lanza used a Bushmaster XM-15 assault rifle in Newtown. Those types of weapons all were designed for the military and police, but increasingly are used by rampage shooters to kill as many people in as brief a period as possible.

It wasn't always this way. Public, high-casualty shootings in America used to be rare. Until the early 1980s, the most popular handgun sold in America was the standard six-shot revolver. Yet by the end of that decade, the production of faster-firing, higher-capacity and easily reloaded pistols surpassed the manufacture of traditional "wheelguns."

In 1980, semiautomatic pistols accounted for only 32 percent of the handguns produced in America. By 1991, that proportion had jumped to 74 percent.

During that same period, the firearms industry began marketing semiautomatic assault weapons to the general public — civilian versions of the fully automatic machine guns used by armies around the world.

Today, assault rifles such as the AR-15, AK-47 and numerous others, as well as powerful, yet compact, high-capacity pistols designed primarily for concealed carry dominate the U.S. civilian gun market.

The military and law enforcement pedigree of those semiautomatic firearms, and their accompanying firepower, is the foundation of the gun industry's marketing strategy today. The Austrian company Glock blazed the trail with its aggressive pursuit of U.S. law enforcement sales in the 1980s.

"In marketing terms, we assumed that, by pursuing the law enforcement market, we would then receive the benefit of 'after sales' in the commercial market," company founder Gaston Glock told Advertising Age in 1995.

On its website, Sig Sauer stakes a claim to having "led the semi-auto revolution." The P226 pistols Elliot Rodger purchased were, according to the company, "designed for the U.S. Army and carried by U.S. Navy SEALs, Texas Rangers and many other elite military and law enforcement professionals."



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Kory Watkins, front, coordinator for Open Carry Tarrant County, carries his Romanian AK-47 over his shoulder as he and his wife, Janie, rear, along with others, gather for a demonstration in Haltom City, Texas, in May.

Always left unstated, but easily understood by mass shooters, is the reason such pistols are carried by military and law enforcement. They are specifically designed to fire virtually endless rounds of ammunition quickly and efficiently, with lethal results.

This industrywide marketing shift has come with an immeasurably high price. Today, high-profile gun attacks are so common and familiar that they're identified in a grisly geographic shorthand: 101 California St., Columbia, Virginia Tech, Tucson, Aurora, Newtown and now Isla Vista. And the list will go on.

In its official 1967 history, the National Rifle Association stated that it was "not affiliated with any manufacturer of arms or ammunition or with any jobber or dealer who sells firearms and ammunition."

Today, the NRA aggressively seeks and gladly accepts tens of millions of dollars from gun industry "Corporate Partners" to aid in the marketing of the corporations' and NRA's products, and to fight any policy changes that would limit the products' availability or decrease their lethality.

In a brochure describing its "Corporate Partners Program," NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre promises, "This program is geared toward your company's corporate interests."

Since 2005, gun industry "corporate partners" have donated between \$19.3 million and \$60.2 million to the organization.

The exact total is impossible to know because the NRA only cites a range of giving levels.

Among those donors are Glock, up to \$500,000, and Sig Sauer, up to \$500,000, as well as more than \$1 million from Remington Outdoor Co. Inc., formerly Freedom Group, manufacturer of the Bushmaster assault rifle used in Newtown.

At the NRA's annual meeting in April, Sig Sauer announced a "limited edition" P227 "commemorative" pistol embossed with the NRA's logo, pledging \$25 from the handgun's sales price — \$964 at one online dealer — would go to the gun group. At the same meeting, the NRA proudly displayed a giant \$50,000 ceremonial check from Glock.

Before we mourn the victims of yet another mass shooting, we need to take a step back and understand how the unprecedented firepower available to virtually any private citizen has resulted in tragedy after tragedy, allowing angry, depressed or dangerously mentally ill individuals to unleash their violence on innocents. Most important, the gun industry, and the NRA lobbying machine it helps finance, must be held accountable.

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## OPINION

## Bergdahl swap: a presidential power play?

BY CHRIS EDELSON

In the wake of the prisoner swap that resulted in Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl's release by the Taliban, questions are rightly being asked about the deal's legal justifications. In fact, the Obama administration did not comply with statutory requirements that it provide notice to Congress before transferring prisoners from Guantanamo Bay, and it has not fully explained how it believes its unilateral decision can be legally justified.

It seems likely, however, that the administration is relying on inherent (i.e. unrestrained) power to set aside statutory restrictions that, in its view, infringe on executive power.

A June 3 statement released by the National Security Council press office claims that "in these circumstances (where waiting could endanger the captive U.S. soldier), delaying the transfer ... would interfere with the executive's performance of two related functions that the Constitution assigns to the president: protecting the lives of Americans abroad and protecting U.S. soldiers. Because such interference would significantly alter the balance between Congress and the president, and could even raise constitutional concerns, we believe it is fair to conclude that Congress did not intend that the administration would be barred from taking the action it did."

The problem is that the 30-day statutory notice requirement is clear. If Congress had meant to include an exception for emergencies, it could have said so (but did not).

What's really going on here? It appears President Barack Obama simply decided to set aside the requirement that he provide advance notice to Congress before transferring the prisoners, relying on unilateral authority to set aside statutory limits on executive power. This claim seems to hinge on a signing statement — cited in the NSC press release — the president included when he signed the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act into law.

Presidential signing statements have existed since at least Andrew Jackson's day. Until recently, these statements were generally uncontroversial, and no one successfully claimed they had any substantive legal consequences.

The George W. Bush administration used signing statements more often and for more substantive purposes than previous administrations. New York Times reporter Charlie Savage noted in 2009 that Bush "broke all records, using signing statements to challenge about 1,200 sections of bills."

Political scientist Christopher Kelley observed that the Bush administration used signing statements as part of an effort to advance the unitary executive theory, a dangerous idea designed to justify essentially unchecked presidential power in areas including national security and foreign affairs. Advocates of the theory claim that the president has inherent or absolute authority to simply set aside legislation that, in his or her view, infringes on executive power.

Of course, presidents can veto legislation that they object to on constitutional grounds. The unitary executive theory, as implemented by the Bush administration through signing statements, stands for the radical idea that presidents can pick and choose which parts of legislation that they sign into law will have effect, setting aside certain provisions at their discretion.

As political scientist Louis Fisher has written, the Bush administration's use of signing statements raised the question: "Does the United States have two sets of laws, one performed publicly by Congress, and the other conducted after the fact by executive officials?"

As a presidential candidate in 2007, Obama rightly suggested that the Bush administration's use of signing statements was "a clear abuse of power [designed] to evade laws that the president does not like or as an end run around provisions designed to foster accountability." Obama



promised that, if elected president, he "[would] not use signing statements to nullify or undermine congressional instructions as enacted into law."

With the recent prisoner swap, however, he seems to have done precisely what he promised not to do as a candidate. The 2014 National Defense Authorization Act requires the administration to provide Congress with 30 days' notice before transferring any prisoner from Guantanamo.

The president added a statement when he signed that legislation into law, claiming that "in certain circumstances [statutory restrictions on the president's ability to transfer prisoners from Guantanamo] would violate constitutional separation-of-powers principles. The executive branch must have the flexibility, among other things, to act swiftly in conducting negotiations with foreign countries regarding

the circumstances of detainee transfers." The administration seems to have relied on that signing statement as the basis for setting aside the statutory notice requirement in the Bergdahl prisoner exchange.

There were other options here. The administration could have gone to Congress and sought advance approval. It could, as President Abraham Lincoln did in 1861, seek retroactive approval from Congress — letting Congress determine whether a genuine emergency existed. As it stands, however, the administration has staked out a position that is very hard to distinguish from the Bush administration's inherent power approach.

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## On Google and the curse of the permanent record

BY EDWARD WASSERMAN  
McClatchy Newspapers

Once, we came of age under the shadow of something called a Permanent Record. Nobody ever actually saw one, but as youngsters we understood we had to keep our own clean, since stains could do lasting damage.

Plainly, the idea of an authoritative, in-erasable ledger on individual behavior is a powerful one. Widespread too. You see it in everything from the Divine Book of Life to the gift list kept by Santa, who knows if you've been bad or good.

That permanent record meant somebody was paying attention, which was good, but it was also a dark and oppressive background presence, since it enabled even trivial sins to curse our futures.

Good thing it was largely mythic. Back then, actual record-keeping was spotty, and technology had zero ability to corral the manifold tracks that we each left into some all-knowing compendium.

No longer. Welcome to the digital age. Its mighty search engines have spawned a virtual permanent record for millions of individuals. It's updated constantly, lasts forever, and is in full-time public view.

What gets in it and with what prominence — those are mysteries, depending on the alchemy of particular search engines. Generally, they suck up most anything about someone that was published or resides in

Internet-accessible public records. (The search engines don't scour social media like Twitter and Facebook, yet.)

That means the fraternity house dustup that led to a sleeper in jail, or the rude remark at a political rally, or any of a thousand missteps and embarrassments that in a pre-modern age would have faded into oblivion — debris from what Justice John Paul Stevens called the "practical obscurity" we used to inhabit — remain vivid, alive and, potentially, toxic.

Hence the importance of last month's ruling by Europe's highest court. It authorizes people to demand that links to material that threatens their privacy be scrubbed from search results.

The case involved Google, the California-based colossus that handles roughly 90 percent of Europe's Internet searches. It was brought by a Spaniard who challenged a link to a 1998 item in a Catalan newspaper about the auction of his home, repossessed to repay debts he owed. He reasoned that the matter had been resolved ages ago and there was no reason people who Googled his name now should learn about it.

The European Court of Justice agreed, and ruled that if an individual complains, a search engine should investigate. If it determines the link is to information that is "inadequate, irrelevant or no longer relevant or excessive," it should delete the listing from the search results.

Matters of public significance were ex-

cluded. The ruling wouldn't apply "if it appeared, for particular reasons, such as the role played by the data subject in public life, that the interference with his fundamental rights (privacy) is justified by the preponderant interest of the general public in ... the information in question."

Nor did the judgment question publishing the offending material in the first place. It applied only to "data controllers," not to news media — and links to the material might still be available through Google, just not when you're searching under the individual's name.

Nevertheless, the ruling is being called a landmark, and much of the commentary focuses on the "right to be forgotten," which underlies legal protections in such countries as France, Italy and Britain. The idea is that at some point misdeeds — even criminal behavior — become part of one's personal past and shouldn't be exposed publicly without good reason.

That isn't merely a concession to individual feelings; it reflects a cultural preference for letting people move on with their lives, a belief that penitent wrongdoers shouldn't have red letters emblazoned on their foreheads. That's very different from the U.S. affection for punishment in perpetuity. (In the first four days after the judgment was issued, 12,000 Europeans flooded Google with demands.)

Still, the judgment is troubling. It erects a barrier to truthful information, which is

abhorrent to U.S. tradition. It also reflects a bizarre accommodation: Nasty items remain intact in cyberspace; they're just rendered irretrievable. The Internet becomes like the universal library in Jorge Luis Borges' fable, with infinite books and no way to find them — in effect, senile.

It also, as a British parliamentarian put it, "forces Internet search engines to police what should and shouldn't be wiped from public view without any clear criteria — let alone ones determined by democratically elected lawmakers."

Besides, is forced ignorance the proper response to the specter of the toxic Permanent Record? Isn't the problem not one of what people know, but what they make of it? Isn't the solution not forgetting, but forgiving?

I sympathize with people whose pasts are rummaged for worldwide gaze by search machines run by algorithms that even their creators can't explain, let alone justify. But deliberate concealment is a disturbing response.

Perhaps the answer lies in making sure people can respond prominently to prejudicial postings. And in the longer term, the challenge is to nurture an online culture with qualities of clemency and compassion that are as mature and far-reaching as the vast awareness the Internet enables.

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## WORLD

# Chinese ships head for naval exercises

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — Chinese ships steamed Tuesday toward waters near Hawaii to participate for the first time in the world's largest naval exercises hosted by Washington — a rare opportunity to build trust with the U.S. and regional rivals, including the Philippines and Japan.

China's participation in the Rim of the Pacific exercises beginning June 26 will enable Chinese naval officers to rub shoulders with U.S. counterparts as well as those from countries with which it has maritime disputes in the South China Sea and East China Sea.

Washington and Beijing have been seeking closer military ties following an incident last Decem-

ber when a U.S. Navy cruiser, the USS Cowpens, nearly collided with a ship accompanying China's sole aircraft carrier in the South China Sea — the most serious sea confrontation between the two nations in years.

China's agreeing to participate shows a new maturity in its foreign relations whereby it won't allow individual disagreements to upset overall ties, said Ni Lexiong, a military expert at Shanghai's University of Political Science and Law.

"The rule of the game now is that we can argue, we can quarrel, but at the same time we can work together," Ni said. "And everybody has shown respect for that rule."

Twenty-three countries will participate in this year's drills,



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Chinese naval soldiers stand on China's missile destroyer Haikou at a naval port in Sanya, south China's Hainan province.

including Australia, Canada, France, India, Indonesia, South Korea and Britain.

China's Defense Ministry said four ships — the destroyer Haikou, missile frigate Yueyang, the oiler Yueyang and hospital ship Peace Ark — departed Monday. It said the squadron is carrying 1,100 officers and sailors, includ-

ing a commando unit and diving team, along with two helicopters.

The statement quoted navy Deputy Chief of Staff Hong Xu-meng as saying China's participation in the drills constituted "an important mission of military diplomacy" and a further step in strengthening China-U.S. relations.

# Ukraine's Poroshenko orders safe corridor

By LAURA MILLS  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's new president on Tuesday ordered security officials to create a corridor for safe passage for civilians in eastern regions rocked by a pro-Russia insurgency as he began to form his government by tapping a media mogul as chief of staff.

In a statement published online, Petro Poroshenko ordered security agencies to organize transport and relocation to help civilians leave the affected areas. Poroshenko's brief statement gave no details on where the civilians could be relocated or what accommodation was available.

Poroshenko also announced the appointments of media executive and business ally Boris Lohzkin as chief of staff and Syatostav Tsegolka, a journalist at the TV station owned by Poroshenko,

as press secretary.

The new president did not announce any shake-up in defense or the Foreign Ministry, where changes could be pivotal for Ukraine's ongoing offensive in the east.

Poroshenko's move to create a safe passage for civilians comes in the wake of growing concerns that the government's active campaign against the rebels has contributed to the rising civilian death toll in the east. Government officials say at least 200 people, including 59 servicemen, have been killed in the attacks.

The United Nations' refugee agency in May said Ukraine's tensions had resulted in about 10,000 displaced people, both from Russia's annexation of Crimea and from the violence in the east, but before Tuesday's announcement, no official government assistance had been announced for them.

Poroshenko's statement gave no indication that he was planning to wind down the government's operation against the rebels, who have continued to seize administrative buildings, police stations, border posts and garrisons across the region.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, who spoke to journalists briefly in Kiev on Tuesday, praised Poroshenko's plan to resolve the conflict and promised that \$48 million pledged by Vice President Joe Biden to Kiev on Sunday would be used "in eastern Ukraine in conjunction with the president's peace plan."

# S. Korean ferry crewmembers face hostile crowd

By YOUNGYUNG LEE  
The Associated Press

GWANGJU, South Korea — With hostile spectators cursing, shouting and weeping behind them, 15 crewmembers from the sunken South Korean ferry appeared in court Tuesday to enter pleas on charges of negligence and failing to save more than 300 dead or missing passengers.

As the crewmembers stood with bowed heads before Gwangju District Court judges, families of the victims struggled to contain their fury. Many wore yellow ribbons in memory of those killed in the April 16 accident, in which more than 300 people were students on a school trip.

The crowd erupted when one crewmember appeared to smile, and a judge asked the defendants to show respect. The judges also asked the crowd to be quiet.

"Everybody should be sentenced to death," one spectator said. One crewmember wept so hard she couldn't identify herself to the judges.

Because of time constraints Tuesday, only 11 of the 15 entered pleas of not guilty. The remaining four are scheduled to appear at a hearing in one week.

All surviving crewmembers responsible for the ship's navigation have been charged with negligence and with failing to do their duty to protect passengers. Several of the defendants acknowledged some responsibility at Tuesday's hearing but denied that they caused the sinking, saying they had little control over the stability of the ferry, which was overloaded with cargo.

After expressing his condolences to the victims' families, Judge Lim Joon-yung emphasized the rights of the defendants to make their own arguments.

The pervading public hostility against the crew has raised questions about the fairness of the trial. They are being defended by six state-appointed lawyers, three of whom started practicing law only this year. The court said in a statement that it will guarantee



HYUNG MIN-WOO, YONHAP/AP

Lee Joon-seok, the captain of the sunken South Korean ferry Sewol, arrives at Gwangju District Court in Gwangju, South Korea, on Tuesday.

the rights of both the defendants and the victims.

Capt. Lee Joon-seok and three other crewmembers are charged with homicide — a charge that could carry the death penalty,

though South Korea has not executed anyone since late 1997. Prosecutors accuse them of tacitly colluding to abandon the ship while being aware that the passengers would be trapped and killed when the ship sank.

Lawyers of crewmembers denied there was collusion, saying the sailors were confused, some were injured and some panicked. They also said that most of these crewmembers were not in a position to act independently without orders from the captain or first mates.

Crewmembers also denied that their actions caused the sinking. The captain and the first mate denied they were responsible for the overloading of cargo or improper stowage of cargo because the cargo was overseen by the employer, Chonghaejin Marine Co. The captain's lawyer, Lee Kwang-jae, said the factors that caused the sinking couldn't be controlled by a captain who operated the ferry only six days a month as a contract worker.

# Pakistani forces repel attack at training facility near airport

The Associated Press



SHAKIL AIDI/AP

A security guard stands alert outside a training center for airport security personnel after an attack in Karachi, Pakistan, on Tuesday.

KARACHI, Pakistan — Gunmen in Pakistan attacked a training facility for airport police near the Karachi airport Tuesday, forcing a temporary suspension of flights and triggering a brief shootout with security forces just days after a brazen Taliban assault on the country's busiest airport.

Law enforcement personnel managed to quickly repulse the attack by as many as three gunmen, an assault claimed by a resurgent Taliban who warned its violence "wasn't over yet."

Television stations aired footage of security guards frantically taking up positions behind buildings or earthen berms at the training facility, roughly a half-mile from Karachi's Jinnah International Airport. The Pakistani military also sent soldiers to assist.

A spokesman for the Airport Security Force, Ghulam Abbas Memon, said two to three gunmen tried to enter the training academy from two different entrances.

"Our men retaliated and repulsed" the gunmen, Memon said. Security forces chased the men to a drainage ditch, where another firefight ensued, but the gunmen escaped, he said.

Col. Tahir Ali, a senior official with the Airport Security Force, said two militants fired toward a hostel for female employees on the academy grounds. He said no one was hurt in the incident.

The Civil Aviation Authority, which is responsible for running the country's airports, initially said on Twitter that all flights at the airport were suspended but later reported that operations had resumed.

## WIRED WORLD



# Cybercrime made easy

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Stars and Stripes

## Firms producing user-friendly hacking tools

BY ANDREA PETERSON  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The FBI's recent crackdown on a sophisticated set of malware tools called Blackshade shed light on a shadowy and surprisingly sophisticated world of cybercriminal activity. But you don't need to be a tech mastermind to use Blackshade.

The tool is part of a much larger trend toward user-friendly hacking tools, developed and distributed by corporate-like entities that are becoming like the Oracles or Microsofts of the malware world.

There's now a full-fledged market for groups offering access to easy-to-use malware on a subscription basis, experts say. And because the tools require little to no technical skill, the barrier to a life of cybercrime is much weaker than it was in the early years of the Internet.

The result has been an explosion in criminal activity that has left consumers vulnerable to having their financial information used for fraudulent transactions or having their personal information sold online.

"It's gone from being a couple of guys developing malicious software to actual organized crime groups" on the development side, said Tyler Shields, an analyst at Forrester Research.

Malware groups often have a hierarchical leadership structure and pay for development of malicious software, as well as marketing and distribution, researchers and federal investigators say. In the big leagues

of this underground economy, malware rings mirror the economic models of legitimate businesses.

But they're also widely distributed — with groups often having members all over the world, experts say. "You might have a developer in Ukraine or Russia, a distributor in the U.S. or the U.K., and leadership somewhere else entirely," Shields said. "We're talking hundreds of people across nations around the world working in concert."

That's an awful lot of coordination and managerial skills. "If you want to excel as a cybercriminal," Shields said, "go get an MBA."

The reason for the explosion in the commercial malware market is simple, Shields said. There's money in hacking — through the sale of sensitive data or the tools that can enable breaches — and the market has moved to take advantage of the situation. Pursuing a life of crime online also can be safer than pursuing one in the physical world, said Raj Samani, vice president and chief technical officer for McAfee EMEA. "You don't go to a shoddy neighborhood to buy drugs — you go to an online black market. You don't walk into a bank to rob it — you go online," he said.

Now, most anyone can be a hacker.

As a result, law enforcement officials say they are beginning to focus on those who develop the malware, not just the people who use it.

"We tackled this malware starting with those that put it in the hands of the users — the creators and those who helped make it readily available, the administrators," George Venizelos, assistant director in charge of the FBI's New York field office, said in a news release about its Blackshades enforcement action.

Blackshades, the target of the recent FBI crackdown, is a part of a category of malware called Remote Access Tools, or RATs, which allow criminals to have al-

most unlimited power over a breached computer. The FBI says the malware toolkit was available online for \$40 and "purchased by thousands of people in more than 100 countries."

These types of tools are migrating to mobile devices, too. Symantec released a blog post about a similar threat facing Android mobile devices called iBanking last week.

Once the tool is installed, the user can do almost anything. And like Blackshades, it's easy to use. "There's a nice user interface on the back end that allows the hacker to control not only that phone but multiple phones if they've infected them," he said.

Users are infected with the program through a social engineering hack that tricks them into thinking a bank or social network needs to install an app on their device with a pop up when the device is connected to a desktop already infected with malware.

As the groups behind malware become more organized, so must the law enforcement tactics used to fight them, experts say — as evidenced by the Blackshades ac-

tion. "Law enforcement has had to change from tracking down individuals to more of the traditional organized crime levels of infiltration," Shields said.

Overall, experts say, software as a service has enabled a growth in the number of cybercriminals — and that growth leaves consumers and businesses at greater risk. Symantec's most recent annual threat report noted a 91 percent increase in targeted attack campaigns and a 62 percent increase in the number of breaches in 2013. That was only 253 total breaches, but eight of them exposed more than 10 million identities each.

"In total, over 552 million identities were breached in 2013, putting consumers' credit card information, birth dates, government ID numbers, home addresses, medical records, phone numbers, financial information, email addresses, log-ins, passwords and other personal information into the criminal underground," the company reported.

As bad guys become more organized and professional, their onslaughts are harder to defend against.

Retail firms also have been hit with credit card breaches in recent months — including Target, where a breach compromised up to 40 million customers' financial information as well as other personal data related to as many as 70 million customers.

But hackers aren't always going for megachains, Symantec said. According to their research, medium-sized businesses with 251 to 2,500 employees were the target of 31 percent of the personalized phishing attacks it saw in 2013 — up from 19 percent the previous year.

For consumers, personal computing use has become more risky — a bad link or attachment could mean the installation of the next Blackshades. But there's also more risk when you hand over data to third parties, Samani said.



STEVEN SONNE/AP

Target suffered a massive pre-Christmas data breach that compromised up to 40 million customers' financial information.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Fighter jets escort plane out of capital

**DC** WASHINGTON — Authorities said two F-16 fighter jets escorted a small airplane out of restricted airspace in Washington, an apparently inadvertent intrusion that prompted evacuations at the U.S. Capitol and surrounding buildings.

North American Aerospace Defense Command spokesman Master Sgt. Chuck Marsh said jets escorted the plane to an airport in Mount Airy, N.C., where it landed Saturday afternoon. Secret Service agents met the plane there and interviewed the pilot. Transportation Security Administration spokesman Ross Feinstein wrote on Twitter that it appeared the pilot was just confused. The plane had departed from Westfield, Mass.

U.S. Capitol Police said the Capitol and surrounding office buildings were evacuated about 1:30 p.m. Authorities said the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress also were evacuated, but security at the White House was not affected.

## Woman banned from cartwheels at meetings

**AZ** PHOENIX — A Phoenix woman will have to keep both feet on the ground if she wants to speak at any public meetings.

Dianne Barker, 65, said she's been banned from doing cartwheels at meetings held by the Maricopa Association of Governments.

An attorney for the association that oversees regional transportation projects said in a letter to Barker last month that she must "immediately cease performing cartwheels."

Association spokeswoman Kelly Taft told The Associated Press that Barker's cartwheels are disruptive and a public safety liability.

Barker said she will obey the association's request. She was a cheerleader in college and said the cartwheels are a way for her to show her passion.

Taft said the association appreciates Barker's enthusiasm, but she should show it verbally.

## Officials mum on guns in voting precincts

**AL** MONTGOMERY — Alabama officials have mere weeks to sort out whether gun-toting voters should be allowed in polling places under a new law.

Differing interpretations of the new law became a problem in Tuesday's primary after men showed up with guns in at least two precincts near Birmingham. Also, an eastern Alabama county first banned guns from polling places only to change the policy.

A law enforcement leader in Shelby County said someone needs to sort out the confusion before the runoff election on July 15. Two armed voters tried to cast ballots there.

Neither the secretary of state's office nor the attorney general's office is commenting publicly on whether armed voters should be

## THE CENSUS

**14** The number of pairs of twins who will graduate from a suburban Philadelphia high school this month. The 2014 graduating class of William Tennent High School in Bucks County includes five sets of male twins, seven sets of male/female twins and two sets of female twins. Principal Dennis Best said he isn't surprised by the number among the 485 graduates — he sees it every day while walking the halls.



DOUG STRICKLAND, CHATTANOOGA (TENN.) TIMES FREE PRESS/AP

## Tricky ride

Kelby Stillwell tries to stay on a mechanical bull at the National MooFest on Saturday in Athens, Tenn. The annual celebration of the dairy industry featured a new Buttermilk Biscuit Alley for biscuit sampling and an assortment of booths and entertainment.

allowed. A meeting on the issue is expected to be scheduled in Montgomery.

## Boy, 4, saves his diabetic mother's life

**KY** RECTORVILLE — A 4-year-old Mason County boy is being credited with saving the life of his mother. Shannon Jones, 28, said she was cleaning her Rectorville home recently when she suffered a low blood sugar spell caused by type 1 diabetes.

Low blood sugar can develop quickly in people with diabetes who are taking insulin and, in severe cases, can cause seizures and unconsciousness.

Jones said that while she was unconscious, her son, Bradley, found her and tried to wake her.

When he couldn't, she said he went next door to his grandfather's house, and then to his uncle's garage.

Jones said Bradley brought the family members back to the house, where they called an ambulance to take her to the hospital.

## Health officer studies ruling on pot for PTSD

**AZ** PHOENIX — Arizona's top health official is considering a court ruling adding post-traumatic stress disorder to the list of debilitating conditions that qualify for medical marijuana treatment.

State Department of Health Services Director Will Humble has until July 9 to accept, modify or reject an administrative law judge's ruling that PTSD sufferers are eligible for medical marijuana registration cards.

Humble said Friday that he would study the order before making a decision.

The Arizona Cannabis Nurses Association appealed Humble's denial last December to classify PTSD as an ailment that could be treated with pot.

Humble said he denied the group's petition, citing a lack of scientific evidence showing marijuana helps patients with the disorder.

If Humble rejects the judge's ruling, the group can appeal to the

Maricopa County Superior Court.

## Students tricked into eating pet treats

**PA** BOYERTOWN — A Pennsylvania school district said an aide has been suspended after she tricked students into eating pet snacks by telling them they were cookies.

About 75 fourth-graders at New Hanover-Upper Frederick Elementary School received the pet treats during recess Thursday. No injuries were reported.

Student Gabriel Moore told WFMZ-TV the aide first joked they were dog treats, then told students they were actually cookies. Gabriel ate three.

Boyertown Area School District officials notified parents Friday. They didn't disclose the type of pet treat but said the ingredients would be harmful only to people with certain food allergies.

Still, Gabriel's father, David Moore, said the part-time aide should be "penalized pretty bad."

The aide has been suspended pending an internal

investigation.

## Scientist: Coyote to blame for cat deaths

**FL** LAKELAND — Two cats recently found dead in central Florida appear to have been killed by a coyote.

A geneticist with the University of Florida said DNA testing was specific for canids, a family of carnivores including dogs, foxes and other species.

Two samples tested revealed a strong match with a coyote.

The Tampa Tribune reported one cat appeared to have been cut in half behind the front legs in March. The back half of the cat was found about two blocks away the next day.

In April, the front half of another cat was found about two blocks from its owner's home.

Investigators initially believed the cats may have been dismembered by a knife or another sharp object, but a UF pathologist refuted that opinion.

From wire reports



## FACES

## PAISLEY ON PATRIOTISM:

## Support our troops

By CHRIS TALBOTT  
The Associated Press

**W**hile it's true patriotism means different things to different people in the U.S., Brad Paisley thinks we can all agree on one aspect: Military personnel should be treated with respect.

This belief spurred two recent actions: Paisley joined President Barack Obama on a trip to Afghanistan to perform for troops and took a moment recently to mock Westboro Baptist Church protesters outside a concert in Kansas. Members of that Topeka, Kan., church sometimes conduct anti-gay demonstrations at military funerals in opposition to government policies.

"My patriotism starts there," Paisley said in an interview before performing at the CMA Music Festival on Sunday night. "We're talking about, I think everyone can agree — except maybe Westboro Baptist — on the fact our soldiers are our most important, the most amazing people that we've had."

Paisley, who has a new singing contest show, "Rising Star," that begins this month and a new album due in August, traveled to Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan with Obama on May 25. The experience was fresh when the son of a veteran encountered protesters outside his show June 1.

The 41-year-old West Virginia native took a selfie while making a face with protesters in the background and posted it to Instagram with a mildly profane caption that mocked the church. Paisley says it's a topic he spends time thinking about and wrote a new song, "American Flag on the Moon," that deals with the topic of patriotism for the new album, "Moonshine in the Trunk."

"I feel like I'm one of those people that defies category," Paisley said. "I'm all over the map in a lot of ways, but I feel like being on a journey of trying to figure out how to make this country better is a healthy thing and something I like to look into. I don't know any answers to it. But, you know, sort of daily it's easy to look at something and say here's what you should be doing. It's harder and more of my approach to look at something and say, 'OK, what are both sides.'"

While in Afghanistan in a hangar jam-packed with surprised soldiers on Memorial Day weekend, Paisley posed for a picture with Capt. Brandon Archer, who mentioned he'd be shipping out soon and planned to attend CMA Fest.

Archer arrived home last Monday and Paisley invited him and his wife, Jean — the two Army captains are based at nearby Fort Campbell in Kentucky — to visit him backstage. The medevac helicopter pilot arrived with a gift — a small American flag.



Brad Paisley surprised two Army captains he met during a recent trip to Afghanistan with a backstage meet-and-greet at CMA Fest in Nashville.

Courtesy of Sony Music Nashville



## 10 years? Gosh!

Actor Jon Heder attends the Napoleon Dynamite statue dedication and panel discussion on the 20th Century Fox Studios lot in Los Angeles on Monday. The cast gathered to celebrate the 10th anniversary of "Napoleon Dynamite," the wildly successful low-budget film about an awkward, alienated teenager in Idaho who helps his friend Pedro successfully run for class president.

DAN STEINBERG, INVISION FOR TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX HOME ENTERTAINMENT/AP

## Davies brothers hint at Kinks reunion

From wire reports

One of the most enduring sibling rivalries of the past half century is showing signs of a detente: The Kinks' Ray Davies has confirmed conversations with his younger brother Dave that could reunite the band after decades of fraternal distance.

Creators of such stone-cold rock classics as "All Day and All of the Night," "You Really Got Me" and "Lola," the brothers Davies have been on-and-off for decades and have quashed reunion rumors in recent years.

The brothers, who formed the band in 1963, have clashed for decades. Dave, who suffered a stroke in 2004 but has since recovered, once said: "I think Ray has been happy for only three years in his life. And those were the three years before I was born."

But Ray recently confirmed to the Sunday Times that relations were warming and that he and his brother even survived being in the same room together. He said tentative conversations had begun.

Dave confirmed the meeting on his Facebook page, writing: "Ray & Dave Davies have started meeting about a potential The Kinks reunion, but we're not there quite yet."

The last time the Davies brothers performed together was in 1996.

## Authorities: Trucker hadn't slept

A truck driver's lack of sleep was being blamed

for the highway crash that injured Tracy Morgan and killed another comedian in New Jersey.

As Morgan recovered in a hospital, authorities said Monday that the truck driver who triggered the crash hadn't slept for more than 24 hours before the accident.

Wal-Mart trucker Kevin Roper is expected to appear in state court Wednesday. It was unclear if Roper, of Jonesboro, Ga., had retained an attorney. He remained free after posting \$50,000 bond.

## Other news

■ **Paul McCartney** is rescheduling U.S. tour dates as he continues to recover from a virus he received treatment for last month. McCartney, who turns 72 next week, says he's taking his doctor's advice and will take more time to rest. Last month he canceled his "Out There Japan Tour 2014" because of his illness.

■ **Lil Kim** has a lil ol' one of her own: The rapper is now a mother. Lil Kim's assistant, Noel Perez, confirms that the 38-year-old gave birth to daughter Royal Reign on Monday. It is her first child.

■ **The Tony Awards** with hopping host Hugh Jackman couldn't leapfrog last year's show in the ratings or the NBA Finals. According to preliminary Nielsen figures released Monday, Sunday's CBS telecast had an average viewership of 7.02 million viewers, a dip from last year's 7.24 million.

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Microsoft, Sony vie for gamers at E3

By HAYLEY TSUKAYAMA  
The Washington Post

The gaming world is preparing to throw its biggest party of the year at the Electronic Entertainment Expo, better known as E3, where it will show off the best in video games this week.

The conference started Tuesday in Los Angeles, but Microsoft kicked off the week by announcing it would rerelease all of its major Halo titles as a set in November in preparation for the 2015 release of "Halo 5: Guardians." The company, which held its annual Xbox conference Monday, also showed off scenes from the new "Tomb Raider" series, which explore the early days of protagonist Lara Croft. Sony, which wants to maintain its lead in the console market, also showed off new titles Monday for its PlayStation 4.

Here are three big trends to expect from E3 this year:

■ **Game announcements.** In the past couple of years E3 has

focused on hardware, with the splashy launches of Nintendo Wii U, Sony Playstation 4 and Xbox One. New generations of consoles launch about once a decade, so the hardware focus made sense.

But this year should see a return to form and offer clues about what game developers can do with much-touted technical improvements in gaming software. That means we'll hear more about sequels to some long-standing franchises — including "Halo," "Call of Duty," "Metal Gear Solid" and "Uncharted" — as well as original titles such as "The Order: 1886" and "Sunset Overdrive."

■ **Virtual-reality battles.** Game companies are chasing one of the greatest dreams of the sci-fi crowd: affordable, accessible access to virtual-reality technology.

No, we're not quite at the "holodeck" level of the technology but Oculus Rift, which Facebook is preparing to acquire, and Sony's Project Morpheus are the most advanced, closest-to-market ver-

sions of home virtual reality that we've ever seen.

Developers are just starting to make versions of existing games for these headsets and show more prototypes designed specifically for this platform. That should make this a market to watch during the next couple of years.

■ **Sony ascendent.** Sony may not be in a great place overall but it is killing it in the gaming world right now. Not only has PlayStation 4 consistently beat out Xbox One in worldwide sales, but the firm has also recently passed Nintendo as the most successful gaming hardware company in the world. According to Nikkei Asian Review, a Japanese business publication, Sony's combined sales for the PlayStation and Vita lines passed Nintendo's combined handset and console sales for the first time in eight years.

That is partly because Nintendo's sales have been flagging — the company recently reported

its third annual loss — but it also speaks to how much of a success the PlayStation 4 has been.

But just because Sony is doing well now doesn't mean it is guaranteed to win this round of the console war. Its advantage lies largely in pricing — at launch PlayStation 4 cost \$399, while Xbox One cost \$499. Microsoft is addressing this disadvantage by unbundling its Kinect controller from Xbox One to compete with PS4.

### MARKET WATCH

June 9, 2014

Dow Jones Industrials	18,82
	16,943.10
Nasdaq composite	14,84
	4,336.24
Standard & Poor's 500	1.83
	1951.27
Russell 2000	10.67
	1,175.88

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	\$1.3937
Euro costs (June 11)	€0.7175
Dollar buys (June 11)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (June 11)	¥100.00
South Korean won (June 11)	₩991.00

### Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
Brazil (Real)	\$1.6768
Canada (Dollar)	1.0903
China (Yuan)	6.2270
Denmark (Krone)	6.5065
Egypt (Pound)	7.1507
Euro	\$1.3553/0.7378
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.517
Hungary (Forint)	274.85
Israel (Sheqel)	3.4602
Japan (Yen)	102.26
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2821
Norway (Krone)	5.9721
Philippines (Peso)	43.76
Poland (Zloty)	3.03
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7596
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2496
South Korea (Won)	1,017.30
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8991
Thailand (Baht)	32.48
Turkey (Lira)	0.0816

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., non-sterling British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies except the U.S. dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.44

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



### Wednesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	96	73	Cldy	Chatanooga	80	65	Rain	Fort Wayne	77	61	Rain	Louisville	90	68	Rain
Akron, Ohio	80	65	Rain	Cheyenne	76	44	Cldy	Fresno	99	63	Rain	Lubbock	95	67	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	75	52	Cldy	Chicago	69	58	Rain	Goodland	87	54	Cldy	Macon	88	69	Rain
Albuquerque	93	64	Rain	Cincinnati	77	64	Rain	Grand Rapids	73	59	Rain	Madison	86	76	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	78	64	Cldy	Cleveland	82	67	Rain	Great Falls	64	43	Cldy	Memphis	83	68	Cldy
Amarillo	93	58	PCldy	Colorado Springs	84	69	Cldy	Green Bay	63	43	Cldy	Miami Beach	87	75	Cldy
Anchorage	59	45	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	86	69	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	90	68	Rain	Midland-Odessa	104	69	PCldy
Ashville	74	52	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	78	66	Rain	Harrisburg	82	65	Rain	Milwaukee	64	54	Rain
Atlanta	84	68	Rain	Concord, N.H.	72	52	PCldy	Hartford Springfield	74	58	Cldy	Mpls-St Paul	81	57	PCldy
Atlantic City	80	65	Cldy	Corpus Christi	94	79	Cldy	Helena	71	46	PCldy	Missoula	88	70	Cldy
Austin	75	71	PCldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	93	74	PCldy	Honolulu	87	75	Cldy	Mobile	88	70	Cldy
Baltimore	85	67	Rain	Dayton	76	65	Rain	Houston	93	75	PCldy	Montgomery	83	67	Rain
Baton Rouge	87	73	Cldy	Daytona Beach	89	73	Rain	Huntsville	82	64	Rain	Nashville	81	64	Rain
Bilings	66	47	Rain	Denver	80	51	Cldy	Indianapolis	75	63	Rain	New Orleans	86	76	Cldy
Birmingham	78	66	Rain	Des Moines	82	63	Cldy	Jacksonville	86	66	Cldy	New York City	73	61	Cldy
Bismarck	67	46	Rain	Detroit	78	64	Rain	Jacksonville	86	66	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	89	72	PCldy
Boise	82	54	Cldy	Duluth	74	51	PCldy	Juneau	61	43	Cldy	North Platte	82	49	PCldy
Boston	65	57	Cldy	El Paso	101	75	Cldy	Kansas City	81	63	Cldy	Oklahoma City	88	68	PCldy
Bridgeport	65	57	Cldy	Elkins	78	66	Rain	Key West	81	67	Rain	Omaha	84	60	Cldy
Brownsville	92	78	Cldy	Erie	78	66	Rain	Knoxville	80	64	Rain	Orlando	92	71	Rain
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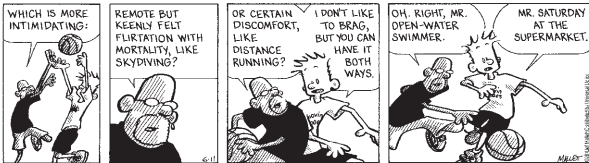
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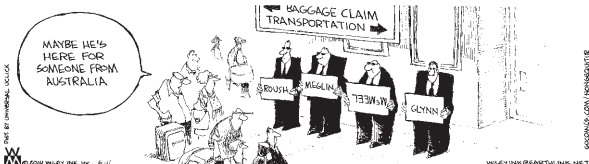
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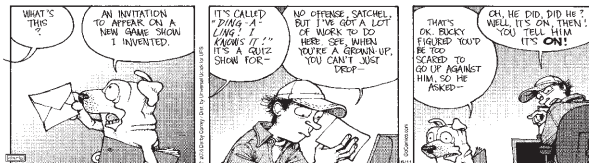
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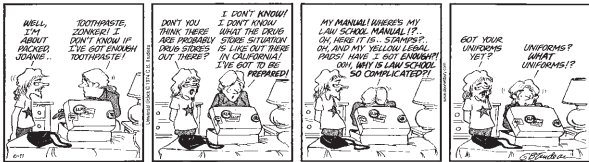
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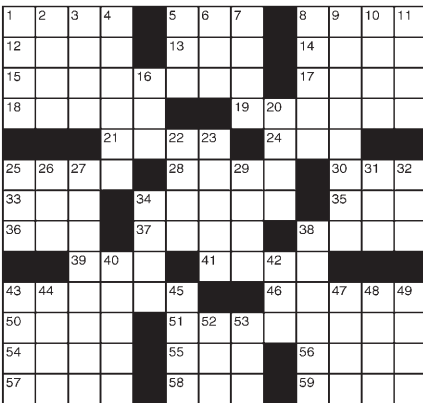
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### ACROSS

- 1 Nightclub Manilow sang about
- 5 Crane
- 8 "Yeah, right"
- 12 Finished
- 13 Bachelor's final answer
- 14 Stow cargo
- 15 Seaweed-rich Atlantic area
- 17 Raw minerals
- 18 Change
- 19 "On Golden Pond" duo
- 21 Approach
- 24 Past
- 25 Merely
- 28 Missing
- 30 Wynton and Blynken's pal
- 33 "— Believer"
- 34 Judicial garb
- 35 Thee
- 36 Scratch
- 37 Teeny bit
- 38 World's fair
- 39 Rather or Marino
- 41 In a dead heat
- 42 Oz's Good Witch
- 46 Virtues' opposites
- 50 Long and lean
- 51 — Springs, N.Y.
- 54 Big name in carecevery
- 55 Tamar's twin
- 56 Muscat's land

### DOWN

- 1 — Nostra
- 2 D.C. office shape
- 3 Saucy
- 4 Silver, in heraldry
- 5 That guy's
- 6 Billboards
- 7 Blunder
- 8 With
- 9 Cameo stone
- 10 Thought
- 11 Own (up)
- 16 Exist
- 20 Feedbag fill
- 22 Greatly
- 23 Automaton
- 25 Relaxation
- 26 Rock tour need
- 27 Cincinnati squad
- 28 Dandy fellow?
- 29 Ms. Thurman
- 30 What subway passengers often feel like
- 31 Big rig
- 32 "Alley —"
- 33 Pair on stage
- 34 McNally's partner
- 38 Magazine worker
- 40 Bracelet site
- 42 Longoria or Mendes
- 43 Jane Lynch's show
- 44 Volcanic output
- 45 Nick and Nora's pet
- 47 Arrive
- 48 "Zounds!"
- 49 Without
- 52 Intent
- 53 Knock

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



### 6-11

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## MLB

## NL roundup

## Strasburg, Nationals top Giants

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Ian Desmond was looking to go deep in his last at-bat. He settled for a lopsided Washington win.

Desmond had a career-high five RBIs and Stephen Strasburg won his third straight decision for the Nationals in their 9-2 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Monday night.

Desmond came to the plate in the ninth inning needing a home run for the cycle — and he swung for the fences.

“You don’t get that opportunity very often,” he said. “For the record, I probably shouldn’t have slammed the bat after I got out. I was caught up in the moment.”

Denard Span added a triple and two doubles to help the Nationals win for the eighth time in 10 games. Desmond had three hits and Jayson Werth drove in two runs.

San Francisco had its five-game winning streak snapped.

Strasburg (6-4) allowed four hits over six innings and retired his final 10 hitters. He struck out seven and did not walk a batter, improving to 3-0 against the Giants with 29 strikeouts in 25 innings.

Nationals starters have struck out 52 and walked one in their last seven games.

Washington manager Matt Williams, who played 10 seasons with the Giants, said Strasburg was pulled as a precaution with some tightness in his back.

**Dodgers 6, Reds 2:** Scott Van Slyke drove in a career-high four runs with two homers off struggling left-hander Tony Cingrani as visiting Los Angeles pulled away from Cincinnati for a rare comfortable victory in their pitching-dominated series.

Van Slyke hit a solo homer and a three-run shot off Cingrani (2-7), who could lose his spot in the rotation when Mat Latos returns from the disabled list later this week. Cingrani gave up a career-high six runs in 4½ innings for his fifth straight loss.

**Pirates 6, Cubs 2:** Andrew McCutchen homered and drove in three runs to lead host Pittsburgh over Chicago.

McCutchen drove a two-run shot to right field in the third inning and added an RBI double in the fifth off Edwin Jackson (4-6).

**Braves 3, Rockies 1:** Gavin Floyd pitched effectively into the seventh inning for his first win since returning last month from reconstructive surgery on his right elbow, leading visiting Atlanta over Colorado.

Floyd, limited to five starts last season with the White Sox before undergoing Tommy John surgery, allowed one run and three hits in 6½ innings for his first victory since beating Cleveland on Oct. 3, 2012.

## Interleague

**Astros 4, Diamondbacks 3:** Jose Altuve had three hits, including an RBI double, and Jarrod Cosart pitched six solid innings in visiting Houston's victory over Arizona.

Dexter Fowler also had three hits and scored twice. Cosart (5-5) allowed three runs and five hits. The right-hander struck out eight, matching his career high set in his previous start against the Angels. He retired the first 10 batters, five by strikeout.



LM OTERO/AP

Cleveland's Lonnie Chisenhall, left, rounds third base past third base coach Mike Sarbaugh after hitting a three-run homer during the eighth inning on Monday against Texas in Arlington, Texas. Chisenhall hit three homers and tied a team record with nine RBIs.

## AL roundup

## Red-hot Indians rip Texas

Chisenhall's 3 homers help Tribe win 9th in 10 games

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Maybe there's a little Lonnie Baseball to go with Johnny Football in Cleveland.

Lonnie Chisenhall left quite an impression in Johnny Manziel's home state.

Chisenhall had nine RBIs and three home runs in a five-hit game, Michael Brantley scored five times and the Cleveland Indians beat the Texas Rangers 17-7 Monday night.

“I know a day like today is kind of a once-in-a-lifetime thing,” said Chisenhall, who raised his batting average to .385, but needs more plate appearances to qualify for the league lead. “I’m enjoying it as much as I can. I don’t know the history of it, who’s done it in the past.”

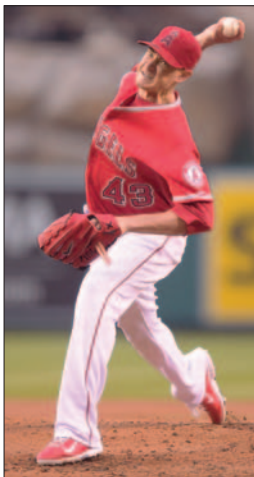
The history is pretty exclusive.

Major League Baseball said it was the first time a player went 5-for-5 with three homers and nine RBIs since the RBI became a statistic in 1920. He also is only the fourth big leaguer to have at least five hits, nine RBIs and three homers in a game — the first since Boston's Fred Lynn in 1975, according to STATS.

“He just wasn’t missing,” Rangers manager Ron Washington said, whose team is winless in the past seven series at home. “Breaking balls, fastballs, it didn’t matter.”

The only other nine-RBI game in Cleveland history was by Chris James in a 20-6 victory over Oakland on May 4, 1991.

Chisenhall, who had the second multi-homer game of his career, finished 10-for-



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Garrett Richards pitched seven innings of the Angels' 4-1 victory over Oakland.

17 with four homers and 13 RBIs in a trip to Texas that ended with Cleveland's first road winning streak of the season.

The Indians have won three straight in the four-game set after coming to Texas with the worst road record in the majors.

**White Sox 6, Tigers 5:** Jose Abreu hit a two-run homer in a three-run fifth inning and host Chicago snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Detroit.

Gordon Beckham had three hits as the White Sox bounced back from a sluggish trip to Southern California.

**Angels 4, Athletics 1:** Mike Trout drove in a run with a double that originally was ruled a homer, Garrett Richards pitched seven strong innings and host Los Angeles beat Oakland in the opener of a series between the top two teams in the AL West.

The Angels' fourth straight victory reduced Oakland's lead to 3½ games.

**Mariners 3, Rays 0:** Robinson Cano drove in two runs with a bases-loaded double and visiting Seattle blanked Tampa Bay for the second straight game.

Five Seattle pitchers combined on a five-hitter. The Mariners extended their scoreless streak to 19 innings and won for the eighth time in nine games.

**Blue Jays 5, Twins 4:** Edwin Encarnacion hit a three-run homer in the first inning and Kevin Pillar singled home the winning run in the ninth to lift host Toronto over Minnesota.

The first two batters of the game, Danny Santana and Brian Dozier, homered for the Twins off R.A. Dickey, but Encarnacion's 20th of the season soon put Toronto ahead.



## STANLEY CUP FINALS/COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Finals becoming a Quick series

## Kings' goalie shuts out Rangers as LA moves within 1 win of Stanley Cup

By IRA PODELL  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Los Angeles goalie Jonathan Quick had his best game of the NHL finals, making 32 saves to put the Kings on the cusp of another Stanley Cup with a 3-0 victory over the New York Rangers in Game 3 on Monday night.

Los Angeles escaped with two overtime wins at home and then took complete command inside Madison Square Garden to take a 3-0 series lead.

The Kings took their first lead of the series with Jeff Carter's goal in the final second of the first period and then stretched the edge to three goals in the second — something the Rangers failed to do in California.

Los Angeles can claim the Cup on Wednesday night in New York. The Kings have already survived three Game 7s on the road, so this amount of success has their confidence soaring.

"I don't think it would be any different if we were down 3-0," Quick said. "We're just trying to win a game in a couple days here. That's the focus."

Defenseman Jake Muzzin scored a power-play goal in the second period and Mike Richards pushed the lead to three with a goal off a 2-on-1 in the middle frame.

Henrik Lundqvist was hardly at fault on the goals. But Quick was perfect.



FRANK FRANKLIN/UAP

Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick, left, blocks a shot by New York Rangers right wing Mats Zuccarello, right, as Kings defenseman Willie Mitchell helps defend during the second period of Game 3 of the Stanley Cup finals on Monday in New York. Quick made 32 saves in Los Angeles' 3-0 victory, giving the Kings a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. Game 4 is Wednesday in New York.

He made a brilliant save with his stick blade to deny Derick Brassard with 8:40 left in the second shortly after the Rangers power

play. That stop came on the heels of Brassard having two chances during the advantage off a rebound of Brad Richards' shot. Brassard's

first attempt was blocked, and the second was stopped by Quick.

The Kings goalie was also on his toes just 8 seconds into the third

## Scoreboard



### Stanley Cup finals

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)  
Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Rangers 0  
Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT  
Los Angeles 5, N.Y. Rangers 4, 2 OT  
Monday: Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Rangers 0

Wednesday: at N.Y. Rangers  
x-Friday: at Los Angeles  
x-Monday, June 16: at N.Y. Rangers  
x-Wednesday, June 18: at Los Angeles

### Monday

#### Kings 3, Rangers 0

Los Angeles 1 2 0-3  
N.Y. Rangers 0 0 0-0

First Period—1, Los Angeles, Carter 10 (Williams, Voronov), 19:59

Second Period—2, Los Angeles, Muzzin 6 (Kopitar, Gaborik), 4:17 (pp), 3, Los Angeles, M. Richards 3 (Clifford), 17:14

Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 5-8-2—15, N.Y. Rangers 4-11-3—22

Power-play opportunities—Los Angeles 1 of 4; N.Y. Rangers 0 of 6

Goalies—Los Angeles, Quick 15-9-0 (32 shots-32 saves), N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 12-10-0 (15-12)

A—18,006 (18,006), T—2:06.

period when Chris Kreider came in alone but was stopped in tight.

That eliminated the little hope the sold-out, towel-waving crowd had of a big comeback.

"You make one save, and you're trying to make the next one and go from there," Quick said. "They got a great team so you're not trying to take anything for granted while it's going on. You're just trying to make one save at a time. The team played great in front of me."

## Super regionals roundup

# Mississippi makes it back to CWS after 42 years

The Associated Press

LAFAYETTE, La. — Mississippi's long wait is over.

Pinch-hitter Holt Perdzock's double in the ninth inning sparked a four-run rally and the Rebels ended a 42-year College World Series drought by punching their ticket to Omaha with a 10-4 win over Louisiana-Lafayette in the deciding game of the Lafayette Super Regional on Monday night.

"The road to Omaha is bumpy and windy," Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco said. "When you go, you have to have a special group. This group is certainly all of that."

Bianco acknowledged that his team was fortunate to win.

"When you look at the box score, they out-hit us and we had four errors," Bianco said. "We don't usually win those games. It was one of those nights where we made the most of our opportunities."

Scott Weatherby (3-1) pitched two scoreless innings for Mississippi (46-19) and Josh Laxer got his sixth save, allowing only an unearned run in 3 1/3 innings.

"I've been prepared to come out there in a close game," Laxer said.

"Coach B just preaches about filling up the strike zone. That's what I did."

And that's why the Rebels are going to the CWS for the first time since 1972. They play Virginia on Sunday in the first game.

The turning point Monday night came when ULL's Seth Harrison doubled down the line with runners at first and second and two out in the seventh inning. Tyler Girouard scored from second, but Caleb Adams was thrown out at the plate, leaving Ole Miss up 5-4.

"That was a huge momentum swing for us," Ole Miss catcher Will Allen said. "We pumped up about that because we preserved the lead and Josh Laxer was shut-down from then."

Laxer said getting the last out was a dream come true.

"Every college baseball player's dream is to get that last out to go to Omaha," Laxer said. "It's really hard to put into words right now, but it is awesome."

A throwing error on Perdzock's two-run double allowed another run to score and J.B. Woodman's sacrifice fly scored Perdzock to



THOMAS GRANING, THE DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN/AP

Mississippi's Josh Laxer, kneeling, celebrates as teammates run onto the field after the Rebels beat Louisiana-Lafayette 10-4 on Monday to win the Lafayette Super Regional in Lafayette, La. The win earned Ole Miss its first College World Series berth in 42 years.

complete the Rebels' rally in the ninth.

Austin Anderson and Sikes Orvis homered in the Rebels' three-run fourth.

ULL (58-10) lost back-to-back games for the first time all season.

Starter Cody Boutte (9-1) went four innings, giving up four runs on five hits. ULL pitchers walked

eight and hit three batters.

Virginia 11, Maryland 2: Sophomore Josh Shoriz went seven shut-out innings and the Cavaliers used a pair of three-run innings early to beat the Terrapins in Game 3 of the Charlottesville Super Regional and reach the College World Series for the third time in six seasons.

Junior third baseman Kenny Towns drove in four runs on a triple and a single to force Maryland starter Bobby Russo out of the game after 2 1/2 innings. Russo (7-3) gave up six runs on six hits and a walk. Shoriz (5-4) allowed four hits and three walks while striking out nine. The national No. 3 Cavaliers are the highest remaining seed.

TCU 6, Pepperdine 5: Kyle Baack executed a suicide squeeze bunt to send home the tiebreaking run in the top of the ninth inning and the Horned Frogs rallied to beat the Waves and advance to the College World Series for the second time in five seasons.

TCU closer Riley Ferrell (2-1) got the final six outs. Pepperdine (43-18) had two runners on when Bryan Langlois struck out to end the game.

## NBA

## Heat have dominated in Miami

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
The Associated Press

MIAMI—The NBA Finals are back in Miami, the same place they ended each of the last three years.

Miami can put itself on the brink of a third straight championship with victories over San Antonio in Games 3 and 4, starting Tuesday night. The Heat are unbeaten at home in this year's playoffs and haven't lost a postseason game in their own building since the Spurs beat them in Game 1 of last year's NBA Finals.

Here are five things to watch in the Finals in Miami:

**1 Looking for Leonard:** Kawhi Leonard is not only struggling to defend LeBron James, but hasn't been able to get his own game untracked. After averaging 14.6 points and shooting better than 50 percent in the 2013 NBA Finals, Leonard has managed only 18 total points through two games. He was in foul trouble in Game 2 and was ineffective, scoring nine points on 3-for-9 shooting, and the Spurs are letting him know they need more.

"I don't think Kawhi got into the game," Tim Duncan said. "He was in foul trouble up and down and he was so worried about that, I think that kind of took him out of the game. We talked to him, got in his ear, and have him refocus no matter what happens on the defensive end of the floor. He's got to continue to be aggressive on the other end and make LeBron and those other guys work."

**2 Bosh blossoming:** Chris Bosh scored 18 in both games in San Antonio, nailing the go-ahead three-pointer with 1:18 left in Game 2 but not settling for the three as he sometimes does. He also had a pair of driving dunks while getting fouled and made 59 percent of his shots in the two games.

"With us, look, he's arguably our most important player. We've said that now for four years," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "And it's not just because of that shot. That's what everybody no-

## Scoreboard

## NBA Finals

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

San Antonio 1, Miami 1  
San Antonio 110, Miami 95  
San Antonio 98, San Antonio 96  
Weekdays at Miami  
Thursday: at Miami  
Sunday: at San Antonio  
x-Tuesday, June 17, at Miami  
x-Friday, June 20, at San Antonio

tices, and if he's not getting the normal opportunities, and he's not scoring, or doesn't have big rebound numbers, it seems from the outside everybody is so critical about his game. But for us, he has a lot on his plate."

**3 They're free costing:** Free throws against the Heat. Tony Parker and Duncan combined to miss four straight in Game 2, preventing San Antonio from extending a two-point lead in the fourth quarter. The Spurs finished with eight misses in a game they lost by two.

The Spurs, who missed a chance to finish off the Heat when Leonard and Manu Ginobili each missed a free throw late in regulation in Game 6 last year, are shooting 69 percent in the series. The Heat have made 78 percent.

**4 Heat at home:** The Heat are 8-0 at home in this year's playoffs and have won a franchise-record 11 straight here in the postseason since the Spurs beat them in Game 1 of the 2013 Finals.

"It's a quick turnaround in Miami, not many days off," Wade said. "We've got to use our home crowd, our energy to our advantage."

Miami is 68-19 all-time (.782) at AmericanAirlines Arena during the postseason. Only the Lakers'. 792 winning percentage at Staples Center is higher.

**5 Getting the point:** The Heat is still waiting for a meaningful contribution from their point guards.

Starter Mario Chalmers has taken only seven shots and scored eight points this far and was bothered by foul trouble in Game 1. Backup Norris Cole was scoreless in 11 minutes off the bench Sunday and is 1-for-6 in the series. And neither one has had much successful guarding Parker, who is averaging 20 points.

But the Heat remain confident in all their players, never hesitating to give someone the ball even if he's struggling.

## Sterling: No deal for team

Clippers owner pulls support of sale, will pursue suit against NBA

By TAMI ABDOLLAH  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling has pulled his support from a deal to sell the team to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer and will pursue his \$1 billion federal lawsuit against the NBA, his attorney said Monday.

"We have been instructed to prosecute the lawsuit," said attorney Maxwell Blecher. He said co-owner Donald Sterling would not be signing off on the deal to sell.

Donald Sterling issued a one-page statement dated Monday titled "The Team is not for Sale" and said that "from the onset, I did not want to sell the Los Angeles Clippers."

The \$2 billion sale was negotiated by his wife Shelly Sterling after Donald Sterling's racist remarks to a girlfriend were publicized and the NBA moved to oust him as owner.

The lawsuit alleges the league violated his constitutional rights by relying on information from an "illegal" recording that publicized racist remarks he made to a girlfriend. It also said the league

committed a breach of contract by fining Sterling \$2.5 million and that it violated antitrust laws by trying to force a sale.

"I have decided that I must fight to protect my rights," Donald Sterling said. "While my position may not be popular, I believe that my rights to privacy and the preservation of my rights to due process should not be trampled. I love the team and have dedicated 33 years of my life to the organization. I intend to fight to keep the team."

Donald Sterling had agreed to ink the deal and drop the suit last week assuming "all their differences had been resolved," his attorneys said. But individuals close to the negotiations who weren't authorized to speak publicly said he decided to not sign the papers after learning the NBA won't revoke its lifetime ban and fine.

"There was never a discussion involving the NBA in which we would modify Mr. Sterling's penalty in any way whatsoever. Any suggestion otherwise is complete fabrication," NBA spokesman Mike Bass said.

Shelly Sterling and her attorney Pierce O'Donnell declined to com-

ment through representatives.

Shelly Sterling utilized her authority as sole trustee of The Sterling Family Trust, which owns the Clippers, to take bids for the team and ultimately negotiate a deal with Ballmer. The deal would be record-breaking if approved by the NBA's owners.

An individual familiar with the negotiations who wasn't authorized to speak publicly said Monday that there were two options for Donald Sterling — to either sign or go to court. But even if he wins in court, he's ultimately winning a judgment against himself because his wife Shelly Sterling has agreed to indemnify the NBA against all lawsuits, including by her husband, the individual said.

Donald Sterling's comments to V. Stiviano included telling her to not bring black people to Clippers games, specifically mentioning Hall of Famer Magic Johnson.

Donald Sterling said in his statement that he was "extremely sorry for the hurtful statements" he made privately but said them out of anger and jealousy and didn't intend for them to be public.

## Knicks hire Fisher as coach

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
The Associated Press

The New York Knicks hired Derek Fisher as their new coach on Tuesday, with Phil Jackson turning to one of his most trustworthy former players.

Just days after finishing his 18th season, Fisher was chosen to replace Mike Woodson, who Jackson fired after the regular season in his first major move as team president.

Fisher won five championships playing for Jackson with the Los Angeles Lakers and was known for his knack for hitting clutch postseason shots while playing an NBA-record 259 playoff games. Jackson says "it has come clear to me" that he and Fisher can form a great partnership again, listing some of the coaches the 39-year-old Fisher played under — though leaving out himself.

"Derek has a long, laundry list of coaches that he's worked under and had a tremendous amount of success and we welcome him," Jackson said on Tuesday during a news conference at the Knicks' training center in Greenburgh, New York.

The Knicks went 37-45 and missed the playoffs,

just a year after winning the Atlantic Division and advancing to the Eastern Conference semifinals. Jackson, who declined an original offer to coach the team, was instead hired to run the front office in March, and fired Woodson the week after the season ended.

He was seeking someone familiar with the triangle offense and someone with little or no coaching experience that he could teach. The Knicks nearly closed a deal to hire Steve Kerr, who instead left a TV commenting job to coach the Golden State Warriors.

Jackson turned his attention to Fisher, even getting fined \$25,000 last week when he was too open about his interest in the point guard who was still under contract with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

The 39-year-old Fisher was respected among players around the league as he was the president of the players association during the 2011 lockout.

The Knicks have had nowhere near the success of Fisher or Jackson, but their new coach believes they can.

"We know without a doubt that we can re-establish what that means, what that is," Fisher said.

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# US OPEN



Phil Mickelson has finished as the runner-up at the U.S. Open a record six times.  
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## Differences Pinehurst isn't same course

By DOUG FERGUSON  
The Associated Press

**T**he return to Pinehurst No. 2 always held the promise of being different. Just not to this degree.

Five years ago, when the USGA announced its radical plan of staging the U.S. Open and the U.S. Women's Open on the same golf course in consecutive weeks, no one would have imagined that the only player named Woods competing at Pinehurst No. 2 would be Cheyenne, not Tiger.

Cheyenne Woods qualified for the Women's Open on the same day her uncle, Tiger Woods, withdrew as he recovers from back surgery.

Phil Mickelson has an emotional connection to Pinehurst No. 2, the first of his record six runner-up finishes in the U.S. Open. He has been pointing to this ever since he won the British Open last summer. Just his luck, there has been more attention on Corlox stock than his bid for a career Grand Slam in the last week. Mickelson has been linked to an insider trading investigation, complete with a surprise visit from the FBI after he walked off the golf course in Ohio.

"I'm just trying to win a U.S. Open," Mickelson said. "Right now I'm just trying to get my game ready to finish off that Grand Slam, and I've got seven to 10 days to really get my game sharp and ready. That's all I can worry about for now."

As for the golf course? Not even the

Donald Ross masterpiece is like anyone remembers it.

Shortly after Pinehurst No. 2 was awarded its third U.S. Open in 15 years — the most for any golf course in more than a century — the USGA signed off on a project to restore the course to its natural look, with sandy areas of wire-grass bushes and natural vegetation where there once was gnarly rough.

"It's what they want to call undergrowth. I call it weeds," said two-time U.S. Open champion Curtis Strange, who played the course last month to prepare for his duties as an ESPN analyst. "It's still going to be penal, and still going to be playing tough if you miss the fairway."

The project required more than 35 acres of turf being removed, and only 450 of the 1,150 sprinkler heads remain.

Mickelson is trying to become only the sixth player to win all four majors since the Masters began in 1934.

"I would look at myself — I would look at my career — in a whole different light if I were able to get that fourth one," Mickelson said.

Justin Rose is the defending champion, the latest player to have a chance to join Strange as the only back-to-back U.S. Open champions in the last 60 years.

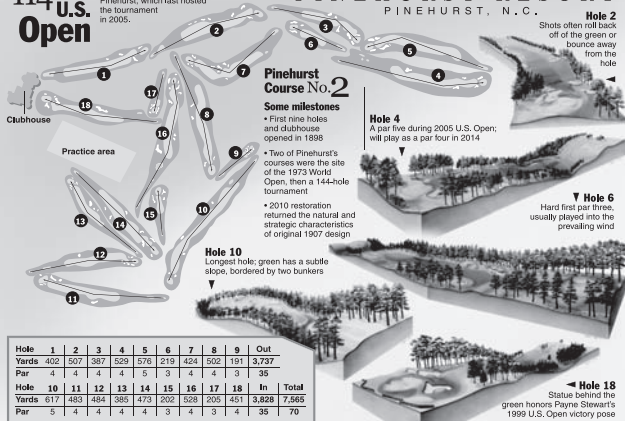
Pinehurst, however, is still the main attraction for this U.S. Open.

"Someone could put you in the perfect place off every tee and it's still one of the hardest courses you've ever played," past U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy said. "The course will be the star. There are always 50 stories at a U.S. Open. By Thursday, the real story starts."

### 114<sup>TH</sup> U.S. Open

This year's U.S. Open will be played at Pinehurst, which last hosted the tournament in 2005.

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## WORLD CUP



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Italy's Riccardo Montolivo, lower right, is treated after breaking his tibia in a friendly match against Ireland on May 31. Montolivo is one of many stars sidelined in the leadup to the World Cup.

## Hurt: Torn ACLs, broken legs, ailing backs keeping some stars out of Brazil

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"The strange thing is that they've all been traumatic injuries," Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini said of injuries to Reus and midfielder Riccardo Montolivo, who broke the tibia bone in his left leg last weekend during a warm-up match with Ireland.

England midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain's World Cup is in doubt after he sustained ligament damage in his right knee during a friendly against Ecuador in Miami Gardens on Wednesday.

Nevertheless, Verheijen says such matches are vital to coaches in forging one team out of players from several different clubs.

"They have to build up rhythm," he said.

Sometimes, players can be one another's worst enemies. Netherlands winger Arjen Robben was furious at a hard tackle from behind by Ghana defender Rashid Sumaila last month. Friendly games are often far from friendly, as Brazil and Serbia showed in a feisty game on Friday.

"I'd have liked to hit him, but you can't do that," Robben, who was not injured, said after the match.

The lengthening list of absences from the World Cup starting in Sao Paulo on Thursday would form a strong world all-star team.

News of the partial ligament tear in Reus' left ankle came a day after France winger Ribery pulled out of the tournament after failing to overcome a back injury.

Monaco striker Falcao was left out of Colombia's squad after failing to recover from a knee injury.

Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal said he had to jettison his preferred 4-3-3 formation after key midfielder Kevin Strootman wrecked his knee playing for AS Roma.



MATT DUNHAM/AP

England's Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain gets his knee iced Monday after some running exercises during a squad training session at the Urca military base in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Oxlade-Chamberlain sustained ligament damage during a friendly against Ecuador last week.

Among other players absent from football's greatest stage: ■ Belgium striker Christian Benteke ruptured an Achilles tendon in April.

■ Mexican midfielders Juan Carlos Medina, who injured his ankle during practice three weeks ago and Luis Montes, who broke his right fibula in a match against Ecuador last Saturday.

■ Croatia lost its only left back Danijel Pranjić during a friendly against Australia.

■ Spanish goalkeeper Victor Valdes tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in March.

■ Veteran Netherlands midfielder Rafael van der Vaart is out with a calf muscle injury in his right leg.

Some potential stars of the Brazil tournament are weary and hurting but determined to play. Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo

resumed training Saturday after recovering from tendinitis and a muscle injury, both in his left leg. Ivory Coast coach Sabri Lamouchi says that Yaya Toure, star of Manchester City's English Premier League-winning team, has a leg injury and is fatigued but is expected to play.

Robin van Persie, striker at Toure's crossstown rival Manchester United, will also be playing despite a sore groin.

"It is not an injury, but he can feel it. He has been feeling it for a long time," Van Gaal said after the Netherlands' first training session in Rio.

Playing through the pain barrier is the norm for players like Van Persie, the Dutch captain and top scorer.

"He plays with it and he has always played with it," Van Gaal said. "Every player has pains."

# Spain aiming for 2nd straight title

Del Bosque counting on healed striker Costa

By PAUL LOGOTHETIS  
The Associated Press

MADRID — Spain has a chance to become the first team to win back-to-back World Cup titles since Brazil in 1962, and what better place to do it than in the country that coined the phrase "Jogo Bonito" — beautiful game. Four years after winning its first world title, Spain is not as feared as before, but coach Vicente del Bosque still has the luxury of enough talent and experience to field two teams.

Spain's midfield remains the cog to its success with veteran players Xavi Hernandez, Andres Iniesta, and Xabi Alonso; difference-makers like David Silva and Cesc Fábregas; and the arrivals of burgeoning talents such as Thiago Alcántara and Isco to carry forward the team's quick-twitch, possession football.

Del Bosque has shown a wily ability to adapt his team to circumstances since taking over for Luis Aragones following the 2008 European Championship.

Four years ago, Spain rallied from its opening loss to Switzerland to reach the final, beating the Netherlands 1-0 with a more defensive approach as Alonso and Sergio Busquets stacked the midfield and protected the back.

Two years later at Euro 2012, Del Bosque dropped the traditional striker to use Fábregas in a "false 9" attacking role, culminating with a 4-0 rout of Italy in the final.

In Brazil, the former Real Madrid coach could yet be able to experiment again with the arrival of striker Diego Costa.

Costa's physical prowess and ferocious appetite for goal has overwhelmed defenders during a breakout season at Atletico Madrid.

The Brazil-born forward limped off in the Champions League final with a thigh injury. Costa proved he had recovered to earn a spot on the team's roster.

"The injury is still there in my head, but I felt good," Costa said. "I'm just trying to play to my best ability. With every game I find myself syncing better with my teammates."

Del Bosque was certain Costa will be ready to play right from the start against the Dutch.

"It is true that he needs time to find his game after not playing for some time but I think he is ready to play in the World Cup," Del Bosque said. "We're optimistic about our chances going into the competition."

Costa is likely to come under heavy scrutiny as home fans gloat his renowned mercurial temper for passing on the chance to play for his native land.

"When I found out about

### By the numbers

# 16

Number of players from the 2010 World Cup championship lineup named to the 23-man roster for Brazil.

# 3

Number of goals La Roja let in during qualification for the 2014 World Cup.

# 1

Spain's current FIFA ranking, which it has held since September of 2011.

SOURCE: FIFA.com

Spain's interest I started to think, 'Why not?' For the world champion to consider me is a great honour," Costa said. "Del Bosque has been clear and hasn't promised me anything and I don't want anything handed to me, I want to earn it. I told him I wouldn't join the team if it created problems."

Spain's defense remains one of its strengths despite the loss of Carles Puyol, with Sergio Ramos and Gerard Piqué forming a block in the centre, where Javi Martínez can easily slide in.

Cezar Azpilicueta looks likely to partner Jordi Alba to provide Spain with plenty of pace at the fullback positions.

Iker Casillas was the first-choice goalkeeper despite having been relegated to a backup role at Madrid, although his experience has carried him through a difficult season-and-a-half there.

Spain will open against the Netherlands in Salvador on Friday in a rematch of the 2010 final before a tricky match against Chile in Rio de Janeiro five days later. The defending champions will then face Australia on June 23 in Curitiba, where the squad will be based.

"Simply put, it's one of the toughest groups in the tournament," Xavi said. "We know how hard it is to play the World Cup, especially right from the start with this group we've been put into."

## WORLD CUP

## Players to watch



## Colombia

**James Rodriguez:** Talented midfielder James Rodriguez will be arriving at the World Cup in top form.

Rodriguez successfully took over the scoring role at Monaco after Radamel Falcao got sidelined because of a left-knee injury in January.

Few will question what Rodriguez can do as a playmaker, but he has also been able to show that he can be extremely effective as a goal scorer.

Considered by many in Colombia as the successor to iconic midfielder Carlos Valderrama, the 22-year-old Rodriguez was a regular in Colombia's youth squads and will have his first chance to prove his worth at a top international competition.

**Fredy Guarín:** Versatile midfielder Fredy Guarín has played for the national team since 2006 and his experience will be key for the talented young Colombian squad in Brazil.

Guarín has been playing well with Inter Milan and signed a contract extension with the Italian club in 2013, eliminating a distraction that could have kept him from focusing on the tournament in Brazil.

The 27-year-old player was upset after nearly being sent to rival Juventus in January and launched an attack against his club because he didn't want to leave.

**James Rodriguez**

AP



## Greece

**Giorgos Karagounis:** With 132 national team appearances, Karagounis has the most caps in Greek history and remains a presence that can still turn a game.

Karagounis can score from distance and serve up the set pieces that are key to many of his team's low-scoring victories.

In 2012, Karagounis took his inexhaustible energy to struggling Premier League club Fulham, and says he's delighted to take his career past his mid-thirties and give Greeks joy as they struggle through a financial crisis.

**Kostas Mitroglou:** The camera-shy but physically powerful Mitroglou has had a difficult time since joining Karagounis at Fulham this season. But the 26-year-old striker was instrumental in maintaining Olympiakos' domestic dominance before his departure, scoring 14 goals.

Mitroglou also scored three times in the 4-2 aggregate win over Romania in the World Cup playoffs.

The German-born forward, nicknamed the "Gunslinger" in the Greek media, gives coach Fernando Santos better options in attack, as other young strikers have failed to make an impact and goal-scoring standstills Dimitris Salpingidis, 32, and Fani Gekas, 33, could lose pace.

**Kostas Mitroglou**

AP



## GROUP C



SHIZUO KAMAYASHI/AP

**Keisuke Honda, Japan's brash and confident midfielder, said his team won't be intimidated. Still, a 1-0 win over Cyprus in a recent friendly was a cause for concern.**

## Strong 'Coffee Growers'

Colombia still favored despite absence of striker Falcao

By DEREK GATOPoulos  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Group C has a favorite, Colombia, though now it knows it will play without its star player. And if all goes well for the South Americans, that leaves Greece, Japan, and Didier Drogba's Ivory Coast to fight for the group's other spot in the round of 16 at this year's World Cup in Brazil.

Here are five things to know about Group C:

**1 Falcao a no-go:** After the draw in December, Colombia was made an early favorite to advance from Group C. But that was before striker Radamel Falcao damaged ligaments in his left knee in a French Cup game.

The 28-year-old joined teammates in preliminary selection, but coach Jose Pekerman left Falcao off Colombia's final squad after he failed to recover. "For Falcao, we'll wait till the last second," Pekerman said before having to make the final, difficult call, dealing a serious blow to the team's chances at the tournament.

"We can say to all of Colombia that he did more than was within his power to play," said Pekerman. "He deserved the right for us to wait and keep the hope alive."

**2 Coffee growers:** The "Coffee Growers" from Colombia rolled through qualifying, even routing Uruguay 4-0 on their way to earning 30 points from 16 matches.

Falcao sealed qualification with two late goals against Chile, coming from behind for a 3-3 home draw. He'll be missed.

Under Argentine coach Pekerman, Colombia has blossomed, rising from 35th place in the world rankings to the top five and their first World Cup in 16 years.

Pekerman's opening match is against Greece, Europe's defensive stalwarts who conceded only four goals in 10 qualifiers.

**3 So Long Santos:** Greece coach Fernando Santos will step down after the World Cup, but says he's glad to help lift the country's spirits after it endured four years of severe financial crisis.

"The Greeks have been so warm to me, so welcoming. It feels great to give them some joy and hope that things will get better," the Portuguese coach said.

Santos has stuck with striker Kostas Mitroglou despite his troubled move to Premier League club Fulham but had to drop defender Kyriakos Papadopoulos, who has missed matches at Schalke for 13 months due to a knee injury.

Greece captain Giorgos Karagounis remains motivator-in-chief at age 37, playing in eight qualifiers and both playoffs to reach a record 132 appearances for the national team.

**4 Driving force:** Japan will be looking for Keisuke Honda to provide a spark in Brazil, but the bleach-haired forward has had an unsettling time at AC Milan since joining this year from CSKA Moscow.

Honda scored an injury-time penalty against Australia to make Japan the first team to qualify for this year's tournament, leading coach Alberto Zaccheroni to promise that his team was ready to "surprise the world."

But Japan's euphoria was tempered by a friendly against Cyprus last week, when the hosts only prevailed with a 1-0 win.

"Winning by one goal is definitely not enough," Manchester United midfielder Shinji Kagawa said. "We must train hard to improve."

**5 Drogba's chance:** Didier Drogba remains at the center of Ivory Coast's hopes, despite turning 36 last month.

The Ivorians qualified comfortably under French coach Sabri Lamouchi, and were further relieved to avoid a tough draw this time around.

They faced Argentina and the Netherlands in 2006, and Brazil and Portugal at the last World Cup — finishing third both times. If Ivory Coast makes it through this year, there will be no let up in the round of 16 with the team likely to face a former World Cup winner in either Italy, England or Uruguay.

"That's what I want, for the Elephants to take on tough opponents," Lamouchi said. "We want to raise our standards, our concentration, our determination ... We are raising our game."

## Players to watch



## Japan

**Keisuke Honda:** Widely regarded as Japan's best player, Honda scored in a 1-1 draw with Australia in June to secure the country's fifth straight World Cup appearance.

Brash and confident, the 27-year-old AC Milan attacking midfielder said Japan won't be intimidated by any opposition in Brazil.

He set up two goals in Japan's 4-2 win over New Zealand in a friendly in March playing in his preferred central position.

Honda is off to a slow start at AC Milan, where coach Clarence Seedorf has been using him on the right side or as a defensive midfielder.

**Shinji Kagawa:** Despite struggling to find his form under David Moyes during Manchester United's troubled season, Shinji Kagawa has been a major contributor to Japan's qualifying campaign.

Kagawa scored twice in the friendly win over New Zealand, proving that his lack of playing time at Old Trafford hasn't slowed him down.

The 25-year-old midfielder scored 21 goals in two seasons with Borussia Dortmund. Last year, Kagawa scored three times for United to become the first Asian

to score a hat trick in a Premier League match.

**Shinji Kagawa**

AP



## Ivory Coast

**Didier Drogba:** Drogba hardly needs an introduction. He is the country's leading scorer and netted 157 times in 341 appearances during his Chelsea career.

He won three Premier League titles, four FA Cups, two League Cups and, in one glorious final appearance, the Champions League in 2012.

The fact that he scored nine goals in nine finals with Chelsea shows what a big-game player he is, but success on the international stage has proved more elusive. He has so far failed to lead the Ivory Coast to an African Cup of Nations title, losing twice in the final.

**Yaya Toure:** Toure is slightly less revered than Drogba in Ivory Coast.

The 31-year-old has come out of Drogba's shadow by winning three straight African Footballer of the Year awards. Drogba won it twice.

Toure's confidence has soared since he joined Manchester City four years ago.

He is the main man, and that is reflected in his new-found scoring ability. This season, Toure scored 21 times and helped the club win the English Premier League title.

**Didier Drogba**

AP



## WORLD CUP

## GROUP B

## Players to watch



## Spain

**Diego Costa:** The Atletico Madrid striker will bring a new dynamic to the world champions.

Coach Vicente del Bosque is counting on Costa to spearhead Spain's attack, and Costa seems fit after his hamstring withstood 74 minutes on a hot and humid afternoon in a tuneup on Saturday.

Costa said Tuesday he has fully recovered from a nagging injury that dogged him over the course of the club season. His ability to exploit space plus his on-field grit provides Spain with a physical complement to its slick combination passing game generated from midfield.

**Andres Iniesta:** Spain's wealth of midfield talent is a key difference-maker for the world champions and Andres Iniesta is a key cog in that engine.

Iniesta has had a subdued season at Barcelona with flashes of brilliance. But he seems to turn it on for Spain, when he proves to be a key player in unlocking defenses that stack the area and stay behind the ball.

**Andres Iniesta**  
Luis M. Alvarez/AP



## Chile

**Arturo Vidal:** Arturo Vidal has become a mainstay in the lineup of Italian champion Juventus, helping the team win the Serie A title the past two seasons. But he has become a big question mark since undergoing right knee surgery on May 7. Doctors think he will be available, but few will know until just before the opening match.

Vidal has undergone an impressive transformation from being a stopper to making himself into a versatile player who recovers lost balls, sets up assists and often scores goals.

**Alexis Sanchez:** The attacking skills of Barcelona forward Alexis Sanchez makes him Chile's most lethal offensive weapon. "The Wonder Boy" scored eight times with the national squad, including a double against England at Wembley Stadium.

Sanchez is also enjoying his best season in the since joining Barcelona in 2011.

**Alexis Sanchez**  
Luis Hidalgo/AP



MANU FERNANDEZ/AP

Spain's Diego Costa throws the ball during a training session at the Atletico Paranaense training camp in Curitiba, Brazil on Monday. Defending champion Spain has plenty of competition in Group B with Chile, Australia and the Netherlands, the team it beat for the World Cup title in South Africa in 2010.

## Spain's tough draw

Netherlands, Chile expected to offer champs a challenge

By PAUL LOGOTHETIS  
The Associated Press

MADRID — Spain's bid to repeat as champion has the unenviable task of beginning in a World Cup group with the Netherlands, Chile and Australia.

Three of the four should contend for a spot in the knockout phase, with plucky Australia looking overmatched but able to spoil the hopes of the others.

Spain and the Netherlands play on June 13 at Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, while Chile could take an early lead in Group B with its opener against Australia at the Arena Pantanal in Curitiba.

Here are five things to know about Group B:

**1 Starting strong:** With Brazil a potential opponent in the round of 16, no team can afford a poor start in Group B. Spain lost its opening World Cup match four years ago, but went on to beat the Netherlands in the final.

This year, those same two teams met in one of the most anticipated opening matches of the tournament.

The rematch is likely to produce a different spectacle than four years ago when the Dutch soured their

tournament run with a physical, defensive display that has come to be symbolized by Nigel de Jong's kung-fu style kick to the chest of Spain's midfielder Xabi Alonso.

**2 Spain on course:** Spain has not lost a step as it vies to win a fourth straight major tournament with a core squad that is likely playing its final World Cup.

Spain's schedule is perhaps the toughest, as it follows up its match against the Netherlands by playing Chile on June 18 at Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

"We'll have to be ready from Day 1," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said after the draw. "With this selection of rivals, we cannot afford to let our concentration slip

one bit." Spain finishes group play against Australia, where anything but a victory would be a shock.

**3 Dutch determination:** Now led by coach Louis van Gaal, the Netherlands is always a contender, but goes into the World Cup on the heels of flopping at Euro 2012.

Van Gaal, who will be replaced by Guus Hiddink after the tournament, has rebuilt the team to play more attractive attacking football.

Robin van Persie and Arjen Robben continue to spark the Orange, but Van Persie must seize the opportunity after the Manchester United striker has scored only once at the last two major tournaments, the 2010 World Cup and Euro 2012.

**4 Chile lurking:** Chile is stronger and more dangerous than four years ago, when it also met Spain in group play before being eliminated by Brazil in the last 16.

This time around, the South Americans are lurking, waiting to take advantage of any slip-up by either Spain or the Netherlands.

Juventus midfielder Arturo Vidal and Barcelona forward Alexis Sanchez will be the key players for Chile, which has headed under coach Jorge Sampaoli since he took over two years ago.

**5 Aussies in a tough spot:**

All three group contenders know victory against Australia will be crucial to advancing. Australia is well aware, too.

"All of the pressure is on our rivals, they are under pressure to win and we're not going to make it easy for them," Australia coach Ange Postecoglou said. "We know it's very difficult for us to advance, hopefully we can surprise them."

Australia won one of its group games in South Africa four years ago, but will find it difficult to repeat that feat.

## Players to watch



## Australia

**Tim Cahill:** At 34 and playing in his third World Cup, midfielder Tim Cahill will be the heart of the team in Brazil. Often described as the Socceroos' talisman, he had a knack playing in big games, including in the comeback win over Japan in 2006 — which was Australia's first game at a World Cup in 32 years.

Cahill is the all-time leading scorer for the Socceroos with 32 goals, two of his last three coming in a friendly against Ecuador in London in March.

**Mike Jedinak:** In a team mostly lacking in star power, 29-year-old midfielder and newly-named captain Mike Jedinak holds the distinction of being one of the Socceroos only current players involved regularly in the Premier League.

**Tim Cahill**  
Rick Rycroft/AP



## Netherlands

**Robin van Persie:** It seems hard to believe that four years ago in South Africa, Robin van Persie wasn't even the Netherlands' undisputed striker. He is now, but he remains under pressure to finally showcase his goal-scoring skills on the biggest stage.

Van Persie recently became the Netherlands' top scorer of all time, overtaking Patrick Kluivert's 40-goal mark. But he will be desperately hoping that Brazil is the tournament at which he finally burns criticism that he can't find the net in major tournaments.

**Arjen Robben:** Speedy winger Arjen Robben laid to rest the demons of a squandered chance in the 2010 World Cup final and missed penalty in the 2012 Champions League final by setting up a goal and scoring the winner in last year's Champions League decider.

In Brazil, look out for his trademark move: Dribbling along the right wing, cutting inside and curling a left-foot shot into the far top corner. Robben's been doing it for years and still defenders struggle to stop him.

**Robin van Persie**  
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German national team member Marco Reus will miss the World Cup after partially tearing a ligament in his left ankle on Saturday in a friendly against Armenia.

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# World of hurt

Club schedules factor into injuries costing stars shot at biggest stage

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**E**LITE professional footballers may be pampered like royalty, but near constant training and grueling club and country commitments are taking their toll on the World Cup before the tournament even kicks off in Brazil.

Germany midfielder Marco Reus on Saturday became the latest player to pull out of the global football showcase, joining the likes of Frank Ribery, Radamel Falcao, Theo Walcott and several other big names who will be watching the World Cup in between trips to the doctor or physio.

Dutch coach Raymond Verheijen, who has in the past helped condition Netherlands, South Korean and Russian players for European Championships and World Cups, has long been a critic of overtraining and blamed it for increasing injuries.

He said national coaches need to wind back the amount of training they put their squads through at the end of long club seasons.

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**Paolo Di Canio**  
Former Sunderland manager

“Their players are still fit, but they are tired,” he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. “Players have to rest. It’s the opposite of club preparations at the start of a season.”

He called the intensive training regimens of many national coaches “Russian roulette,” saying that overtraining is a key cause of muscle injuries.

Football is, of course, a fast and physical sport and not all injuries can be attributed to exhaustion, but many of the stars at the World Cup had barely

finished their club seasons when they had to report to rigorous national training camps. Any lingering aches and pains they accumulated have no time to recover.

Former Sunderland manager Paolo Di Canio told *Gazzetta dello Sport* that England’s campaign in the strength-sapping heat of Brazil will likely suffer due to the Premier League’s non-stop season.

“They do not have a winter break,” Di Canio said. “It’s nice to play at Christmas, but they pay the price for this in June when the fatigue can be devastating.”

Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said he has not considered resting Neymar or any other players because of the recent wave of injuries.

So-called “friendly” tune-up matches in recent weeks have also shattered plenty of World Cup dreams.

Reus twisted his left ankle while challenging Artur Vedigaryan in the first half of Germany’s friendly against Armenia — part of the team’s buildup to the World Cup in Brazil.

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**Theo Walcott**  
England  
Ruptured ACL in left knee in January



**Radamel Falcao**  
Colombia  
Left off the team after failing to recover from knee injury



**Franck Ribery**  
France  
Ruled out after failing to recover from back injury



**Danijel Pranjić**  
Croatia  
Injured his ankle Friday in a friendly. His status is uncertain.



**Victor Valdes**  
Spain  
Keeper tore the ACL in his right knee in March



**Rafael van der Vaart**  
Netherlands  
Ruled out with a calf injury

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